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Purchasing Summit

A meeting between local businesses and city staff to discuss purchasing opportunities was held Thursday, Nov. 21 at Baylees Restaurant as a part of the regular quarterly membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Merchants attending the meeting gave three minute "infomercials" about themselves. All City department heads and purchasing personnel were invited to attend the meeting.

Museum Notes

Bernie Ferrera reports that Pete Ruddy of the State Compensation Insurance Fund provided the museum with 20 excellent brochures in English and Spanish for the Monarch Butterfly Docent Training Program. The brochure, "Do you know this plant?" is a comprehensive introduction to Poison Oak which is found in abundance in George Washington Park. The publication addresses the do's and don'ts of Poison Oak and how to identify the plant in all seasons.

Disaster Preparedness

Disaster Coordinator Russell Coile reports that FEMA funding for the Coordinator's position is in jeopardy. The funding stream has been diverted and it appears that the County will not receive enough fiscal support to finance one-half the salaries of their emergency management personnel (this has been the level of funding in the past). Thus, it is doubtful that the County will pass through any funds to the twelve cities. Staff is reviewing the situation and will prepare a report to the council at the appropriate time.

Aerial Survey of Grove

Taking advantage of a project for the City of Monterey, Pacific Grove has contracted with a firm to conduct an aerial survey of our community. The project was funded by existing resources by the Public Works Department and the Community Development Department.

Building Stats

During the month of October the City issued 48 building permits with a total valuation of \$312,607, producing permit fees of \$8,400. The bulk of activity involved additions, remodels and alterations to single family homes.

PG inns invite public for annual season tour

A new treat is in store this year for visitors taking the 9th Annual tour, "Christmas at the Inns" in Pacific Grove.

Included for the first time, will the newly renovated and restored bed and breakfast inn on Ocean Avenue at Lovers Point, the Grand View Inn.

Formerly the Roserox Inn, this venerable structure had been closed for many years, badly in need of attention. Purchased by the Flatley family, owners of the Seven Gables Inn, it was completely remodeled and restored by Pacific Grove general contractor Dana Annereau.

The Grand View is only one of seven exquisite inns in Pacific Grove whose doors will be open Tuesday, December 20, from 6:30 til 9pm.

Also hosting visitors will be the Green Gables Inn, Centrella Inn, Old Saint Angela Inn, the Gosby House, Gate House Inn, and the Martine Inn.

All will be gaily-decorated and feature costumed docents and musical entertainment.

Also included on the tour is the Mayflower Church (Central and 13th) where light refreshments will be served from 7:30-9pm.

Ticket holders for the tour will also receive a discount or premium at 15 Pacific Grove restaurants and businesses.

Grand jury finds Grove least violent place to live

By Neill Gardner

Did those many years of prohibition in Pacific Grove leave an indelible mark on the population? Are Grovians less prone to violence because of the soothing fog that so frequently washes over the city?

Or is it because PeeGee males vent their rage on the municipal golf links that the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury gave the city such fine marks when it comes to domestic violence?

According to the Grand Jury's mid-

Grove first to premier "Evita."

The Last Hometown will see a first December 30, with a bigtime gala film premier for "Evita" featuring Madonna and others. The fest will take place at Lighthouse Cinema Monday night. Show time is 8pm.

Across the street at 7pm, in the Grove Homescapes Building, 427 Lighthouse, the doors will open for a celebratory reception with champagne punch and a cheesecake buffet before the celluloid rolls simultaneously at movie theaters throughout the country.

This first showing of the loudly touted film, which follows the long hooted Broadway musical, is a benefit for the Pacific Grove Youth Center and the Variety Club.

Tickets are on sale now at \$30 each and are available at PG's Hallmark, City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce and the Recreation Department at the Community Center. Sponsors for the event are Cinema Cal, Pacific Concessions, The Grove Homescapes, PG Chamber of Commerce and City of Pacific Grove.

year final report, Pacific Grove, which boasts only about one-half of the population of Monterey, is much, much, more peaceful than the city made famous by the Sardine.

Citing figures from the years 1992-95, the report says Monterey had up to eight times as many cases of domestic violence as Pacific Grove.

Pacific Grove's domestic violence record was among the lowest per capita in Monterey County with an average of less than two incidents per 100,000 population, according to the report.

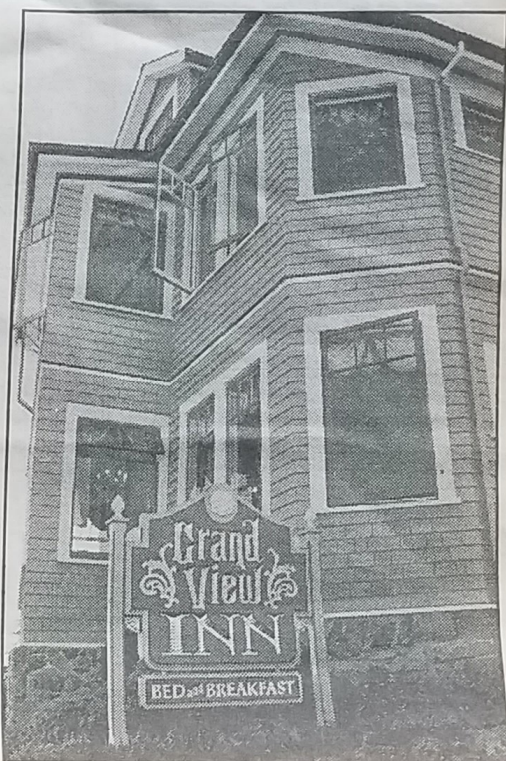
Marina and Soledad piled up double-digit incidents every year, with Marina soaring to 15.4 reported in 1994 and 14.8 in 1995. Monterey, which has a slightly higher population than Seaside, posted substantially higher domestic violence reports.

Sand City, credited with a population of 200 souls, led the county in per capita incidents with 15 in 1992 and 1994, 10 in 1993. None were recorded in 1995, but the rate jumped back up to 20 as of April 30, 1996.

According to the Grand Jury, "There is a lack of consistency in the reporting process...some departments are not reporting domestic violence incidents as required by the Penal Code."

It recommends formation of a permanent police officers domestic violence coordinating council to monitor compliance

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THE RECENTLY renovated Grand View Inn is one of seven inns open December 10. Food and entertainment are included in the tour.

Parents seek help for child exposed to deadly disease

George Ketchum is a sixth grade student at PG Middle School afflicted with sickle cell anemia, an inherited disease of the red blood cells.

While his condition is not contagious to others, it impairs his immune system and causes George to be extremely vulnerable to exposure to others with chicken pox and measles.

Therefore, it is extremely important for George's mother and his teacher, Mrs. Sitzman, must be notified to determine if George was actually in close contact with your child during the contagious period.

To prevent a lengthy hospital stay for George for catching what may be a routine illness for most of us, please contact Mrs. Stitzman, 646-6568 or the office, 646-6568, if your child at the Middle School has recently had a contagious disease.

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PG CITY COUNCIL actions

Wednesday, November 6

Accepted a flag and certificate honoring Pacific Grove as a WW2 Commemorative Community. Ed Larson, Tony Ayers and National Guard Lt. Col. Margaret-Anne Coppernoll PhD made the presentation.

Talked about Crespi Pond fence to separate the golfers from the wildlife.

Heard brief protest concerning Museum. Huitt asked Huse if proper procedure had been observed and received an affirmative answer.

Listened to extended presentation by Cheryl E. Waddell, State Historic Preservation Officer. She said more money stays in the community with rehabilitation as opposed to new construction.

Discussed an underwater park. Yaden wanted to know if Department of Fish & Game was involved. Told that it was, Yaden called it an "attitude change."

Heard Paul Finnegan's presentation concerning 1997 Whalefest. He alleviated concerns about "industrial eco-tourism." Huitt advised caution about driving a wedge between the community and tourist industry. Koffman said she appreciated leverage that 12 organizations will bring to Whalefest. Zito wondered how much Museum labor is involved. Finnegan told him about one per cent. Zito cast the lone negative vote.

Stewed over a fence at Robert Down School. Chief of Police Jon Reither said school representatives had come before Traffic Commission with problem. Davis wondered if the fence was to keep cars in or out. Honegger suggested letting the school district decide the matter.

Went into secret session concerning the Page (Rocky Shores) litigation.

CITY CALENDAR

Nov. 28 & 29: Thanksgiving Day. City offices closed.

December 4: Regular City Council Meeting at Community Center (5:30 p.m.); joint meeting with Recreation Board to discuss proposed underwater park; recently elected Council Members will assume office.

December 11: Special City Council meeting to discuss code enforcement program with Henry Engen (6 p.m. at Community Center).

December 18: Regular City Council Meeting at Community Center (6 p.m.)

December 24: Christmas Eve Holiday; City offices closed.

December 25: Christmas Holiday; City offices closed.

January 1: New Years Day Holiday; City offices closed.

January 8: Special City Council meeting at Community Center (6 p.m.)

January 15: Regular City Council meeting at Community Center (6 p.m.)

January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday; City offices closed.

TOWN GOVERNMENT NEWS - SUBSCRIBER EDITION

City cuts housing partners to two firms

Eden Housing, Inc. and South County Housing, the remaining contenders among seven firms who at one time expressed interest in joining the City Of Pacific Grove in a senior housing operation, made impressive presentations at a Senior Housing Committee meeting Monday morning.

Councilman Steve Honegger, who chairs the SHC, said his group may recommend that City Council hear both firms, then make a selection. Barring that, the committee may make the selection itself at its Dec. 5 meeting.

Responding to questioning from SHC Committee member Katherine Ceo-Aguras, each firm said it could furnish front money for feasibility studies. Executive Director Catherine Merschel said Eden Housing might loan as much as \$150,000 for that purpose. Marie Juncker, executive director of South County, said her firm might spend

\$25,000.

Both firms offered the same financing procedures. South County, whose headquarters are in Gilroy, cited several examples of fundraising efforts involving that community.

According to Juncker, HUD regulations limit one-bedroom units to 540 sq. ft. and do not permit two bedrooms. Seniors would pay 30 per cent of gross income in rent.

A 9 per cent Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit offers a mix of rent levels, limits a two-person household to \$18,100 maximum income.

Four per cent tax credit and bond financing limits two persons to \$21,720 maximum income. Rents would vary between \$275 and \$455 per month.

Both firms offered slide presentations depicting senior housing under their management. Eden's operation is primarily involved with Oakland, Pleasanton,

Hayward and San Jose.

South County's senior housing is located in Morgan Hill and Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties, including a unit in Marina.

Both firms cited after-construction commitment to management and maintenance. Each expressed a willingness to start feasibility studies immediately.

Dennis Lalor, director of development of South County, said his firm is fully aware of "that little water problem" and that not everyone in the community may be supportive of senior housing. "We have to find out why and then address their concerns," Lalor said.

At a Nov. 19 site review meeting, the SHC studied Lighthouse, Robert Down and Middle School (athletic field) sites. The school district has expressed a desire to lease rather than sell the properties. Figures cited range between \$80,000 and \$166,000 per year.

No council quick fix for Agha's solution to Holman water leak

By Neill Gardner & Eric Colby

A Pacific Grove City Council approval sought by Nader Agha's application for a permit to extend a covered walkway eight feet in front of the Holman Building resulted in no motion by the council at its first monthly meeting November 6.

The request was brought directly to City Council by Community Development Director Tony Lobay (rather than presenting it to the Planning Commission) because it involved an encroachment on city property.

Leaky basement

A covered walkway is being sought by Agha to correct a long-standing waterproofing problem that causes the basement to receive water during the rainy season.

The glass skylights embedded in the concrete sidewalk on Lighthouse leak. And they have leaked forever, according to Hugh Steven, former controller and partner in the ownership of the building prior to its sale to the Ford Department Store.

Why does this happen? Because the first floor, which is entered from the parking lot at the rear of the building is actually the basement floor in front at Lighthouse Avenue.

Basement built under sidewalk

At that point, the basement floor was originally constructed to extend eight feet under the sidewalk which is 16 feet wide from the building's facade to the curb at Lighthouse.

The sidewalk skylites, according to Steven, were placed there to help add light to the basement level below. "But they always leaked and created a problem we could never solve," says Steven.

To fix this, Agha has tried sealing the sidewalk. Twice. And the basement still collects water.

Agha told Council his expert had informed him that he had never seen a water problem like the one in the Holman basement, which extends some eight feet under the sidewalk.

Agha said the old glass skylights above the basement are just about impossible to seal off.

Agha's solution is to build a one-story covered entrance over eight feet of the sidewalk the length of the building on Lighthouse Avenue to cover the side-



PG POLICE CHIEF Jon Reither received a certificate recently acknowledging his fulfillment of requirements of state regulations for an executive peace officer's training. The final requirement is being chief for two years.

walk and waterproof the basement below.

Discussion and reactions

Councilman Bob Davis wondered if it wouldn't be possible to remove the skylights.

One speaker was concerned because he thought there might be a problem planting greenery under a closed awning.

Another wondered if there would be enough water for a proposed restaurant which Agha has planned for the street floor.

Davis said he thought the whole matter should go to the Architectural Review Board.

Councilman James Costello said, "It's not our problem," a remark that was echoed several times during the evening.

Councilman Steve Honegger said he couldn't make a decision on the basis of a preliminary rendering. He wanted more structural and engineering details.

Agha said delaying approval of the sidewalk could hold up opening of the Monterey County Bank branch in the building.

He said he had considered taking out the existing awning, (which extends about eight feet over the sidewalk) but felt it would make the old building "look naked."

Mayor Sandy Koffman said "I have my doubts about it—the way it looks."

No motion on encroachment

After Agha wondered why he needed an encroachment permit when he already has an awning encroachment, City Attorney George Thacher told Council that if he were sitting in their chairs, he would ask for another solution.

Departing Council members Terrance Zito and Vern Yaden agreed that they couldn't support the encroachment in form of a rendering.

The entire Council was quick to accept City Manager Mike Huse's suggestion that Agha be asked to come back with other engineering solutions to the problem.

When Agha asked, "What's the motion?" the mayor told him there was no motion. Thacher agreed, "There is no motion."



LES REED (right) received a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Koffman last week for his organization and management of the task of hosting a contingent of Japanese visitors from Matsushige who came October 4 to visit the Last Hometown. BEACON photo by Neill Gardner

Chamber-City meeting

Businesses ask City purchasing agents to do shopping at home

by Eric Colby

A luncheon meeting at the Mariposa Grill was held by the PG Chamber of Commerce last Thursday to host City department heads and reveal to them the many businesses in town with services and merchandise the city can buy in the "Last Hometown."

Over 125 enjoyed an excellent meal served by Phil Brazil and Joanne Dias-Tousl, new owners of the restaurant at 1120 Lighthouse Avenue.

City Manager Mike Huse and 13 department heads attended. Huse circulated copies of the city's purchasing policy which spells out the formal bidding requirements for buying according to the State Municipal Code.

He indicated that bidding procedures may be dispensed with when the amount involved is less than \$2,000. "Since a large number of purchases fall into this category the City can focus on buying locally," said Huse.

Huse said that the City can employ other procedures to maximize a "buy local" philosophy at City Hall and included the following:

1) At every opportunity solicit a proposal from a local business, if the item to be purchased is provided by a Pacific Grove business.

2) Sales tax, where appropriate, should be deducted from a proposal submitted by a local business.

3) If a local business is not successful in obtaining a bid, then staff should share with the business the price tendered by the prevailing bidder; this could be of assistance to the local business in submitting future bids.

4) The City should make every effort to keep local businesses aware of upcoming bid opportunities.

Huse solicited other suggestions to this list and said that "the City appreciates the contributions made by the business community and the fact that a fiscally stable Pacific Grove is dependent upon a prosperous and vital local economy."

"And, to what extent the City can contribute to that vitality will be a priority with staff."

Huse also mentioned that the City has a responsibility to all taxpayers of the community to ensure that the public's funds are spent in a prudent and efficient manner. He explained that this charge is sometimes at odds with many local preference purchasing goals and the challenge is to balance two very legitimate and important interests.

"We can make sure that local enterprises get every opportunity to compete for City business," concluded Huse. "This can easily be accomplished without compromising the rules we must follow or the public trust we uphold."

At that point the City department heads were all introduced.

Following that, meeting Chairman Larry Krum (Chamber vice-president) opened the floor to about 30 business owners who were allowed three minutes each to let department heads know what services and merchandise they personally could offer.

Mayor Sandy Koffman and Councilman Robert Huitt also attended the meeting, and spoke supportively of the concept to buy in Pacific Grove first.

The following day, Chamber manager Moe Ammar, reported that many department heads had already made calls to various business owners in town asking for information and prices.

Residents find several snags in coastal parks plan draft

By Neill Gardner

Nearly all of the speakers at Nov. 21 Planning Commission public hearing on the city's proposed Coastal Plan disapproved of at least some part of the idea.

Attesting to the controversial aspects of the hearing, so many commissioners live within the scope of the proposal that they were forced to draw straws in order to secure a quorum. Daniel Davis and Steve Covell took a walk during the proceedings. Heide-Marie Fellowman was absent.

Olga San Miguel wondered why some commissioners were able to consider the plan, since all of them live within one interpretation of the Coastal Commission's jurisdiction. She couldn't understand why citizens of Pacific Grove should pay for work on state property.

Connie Perry told commissioners she thought things along the waterfront are managed pretty well right now. She asked for some sort of schedule for implementation of the plan. "I don't feel any money should be spent or anything done until there is a need," Perry said.

"One continuous trail is not necessary. The rugged coastline at Point Pinos is just that—rugged and undeveloped. This is the Pacific Ocean, not Monterey Bay."

Perry said it's impossible to satisfy everyone, citing ADA complaints about the Asilomar boardwalk. She said it was not practical to "make our shoreline like 17-Mile Drive from Spanish Bay to Cypress Cove. Our shoreline is equally as pretty and it is free to all."

Perry also protested any plan to black-top parking areas. She said she has lived in the area since 1990 and has seen no parking problem and no pedestrian or bicycle accident problem.

Paul Miller, owner of a home at Rocky Shores, told the planners he protests routing a trail between his home and the sea. He said public lands in that area are very rocky and are frequently under water.

"In a letter to Chairman Mark Travaille, Miller said, "We would not be willing to accommodate any sort of public access on our property between our home and the mean high tide line."

"Neither, I am sure, will Stephen Page (owner of neighboring lot) be willing to permit a public trail on the westernmost part of his property."

Miller reminded planners that he as

already granted an easement along Sunset Drive. "Of course, our easement will have no value unless Page grants a similar easement across his property."

"His many years of frustration trying to get a permit to build his house have not put him in a proper frame of mind to give anything to anybody. Still, I think it would be in everyone's interest to work out some sort of arrangement with him."

"After he has started construction would be a good time to contact him about this very important link in our trail network."

Miller assailed the concept of forcing property owners to give up "conservation easements" which require owners to build on 15 per cent of their land while surrendering the rest.

He said the Supreme Court in an Oregon case laid down proportionality law that prohibits unbalanced "swaps." Miller said some easements might prohibit a homeowner from walking on his own property.

Ralphia Cape, who lives in both Pacific Grove and Sacramento, urged the city to be careful about falling under the "huge State Parks bureaucracy." She said the City will find it difficult to maintain control over Point Pinos once it starts to deal with the state.

In the end, the commission went through the plan page by page, dotting it's and crossing it's. Another hearing on Appendix A and Appendix B, will be held at their second meeting in December—if they can round up a quorum.

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with state law.

Charles H. Page of Carmel was foreman of the Grand Jury. Invited to comment on the issue, Page said Grand Juries make it a practice to allow their reports to speak for themselves. Pacific Grove members include David M. Alex and Robert M. Stevens. Pebble Beach jurors include Peter E. Blackstock and Mahlon M. Coleman.

Superior Court Judge John M. Phillips was lauded for creation of a task force to develop a coordinated effort to deal with the problem. The jury will disband on Jan. 1.

Page said Monterey County Supervisors were scheduled to review the report last Tuesday.

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BUSINESS NEWS



Brazilian Café begins second year

THIS FAMILY-owned restaurant at the Forest Hill Center in Pacific Grove is beginning its third year of business as the only one of its kind with a full Brazilian menu. A special New Year's Eve menu will be rain forest foods including Amazon fish, dark beer. The owners above are Sonia Oliveira, Manoel Errico, and Sandra Vargas. They also do fancy catering. The Café is open Wed, Tue, Fri for lunch and seven days for dinner after 5pm. Location is 1180-F Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove. 373-2272 for reservations.

Tree lighting ceremony planned with Christmas spirit

The City of Pacific Grove will once again welcome the approaching holiday season with an old fashioned, traditional Christmas tree lighting ceremony, to be held Monday, December 2, at Jewell Park, at 5 p.m.

A musical program will be provided by students from the Robert H. Down School Chorus and Pacific Grove Middle School Holiday Ensemble.

Santa will be on hand to greet his young admirers during an open house reception to be held immediately following the musical presentation, at Chautauqua Hall.

Refreshments have been donated by the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce. Pacific Grove will once again participate in a community donation drive, to be held in conjunction with the Christmas tree lighting festivities.

This is a time of year when many families turn to the Salvation Army for help. Some families are finding it impossible to pay rent, keep the house warm, pro-

vide for basic necessities and put food on the table.

Donations of canned goods, warm clothing and new toys to be placed under the Christmas tree as contributions are encouraged.

The Salvation Army will pick up your donations following the tree lighting, according to a City spokesperson.

Peninsulans don't eat flatlander-type bagels

While "SuperSeed" is the bagel favorite, shoppers pick at the Pacific Grove Bagel Bakery, "Cinamon Raisin" is the top banana selected by over 1,000 customers polled county wide at the chain's six stores.

Customers of the New Monterey store are also out of the county bagel preference loop, selecting Sesame and Superseed as top choices.

Customers of four other Bagel Bakery stores in Carmel, Monterey and Salinas buy more Cinnamon Raisin.

If you haven't any idea what this is all about, check the new Bagal Bakery's Grand Opening in the Fairway Shopping Center this weekend and find out.

OTHER PEOPLE'S business

Peninsula Family Connection, a guide to family fun on the Monterey Peninsula, will begin publication here in December by David Kirby and Terry Weigand-Kirby of Pacific Grove, owners of Creative Connection, a typesetting and graphic design business. The quarterly guide to family-oriented activities will be distributed free at newsstands. Their business is located at 833 - 2nd St. in Pacific Grove.

Moss Landing Oyster Bay opened November 25 by Hugh and Lisa Butler, former owners of Baylee's Restaurant in Pacific Grove. Lunch and dinner is served six days a week as is closed Tuesdays. Chef Hugh Butler, graduate of the Greenbrier Resort and former executive sous chef at Quail Lodge, will be serving fresh seafood, steaks, pasta and vegetarian dishes.

Endorphin Productions of Pacific Grove is the most experienced company in Monterey County utilizing the only high-quality digital nonlinear editing system in the area. It's the system used to restore the film Big Sur - The Way It Was" filmed in the 1960's by Robert Blaisdell, of Pacific Grove. Endorphin took the last remaining 16mm print of the lost, historic film and carefully brought it back from obscurity for release on home video.

The film is available around town: the PG Business Center and the Chamber of Commerce are two spots we know of that have the film. Contains candid footage of Henry

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE calendar

December 2 - Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. Festivities at Jewell Park. Live entertainment by school bands, followed by caroling at the Museum and a visit from Santa. Details 373-3304.

December 10 - Christmas at the Inns. Visit several bed and breakfast inns decorated for the holidays in Victorian splendor. Limited number of tickets sold. Entertainment and refreshments served. Info & tickets 373-3304.

December 2-21 - Pacific Grove Hometown Holidays. "Winter Wonderland" theme for window decorations at most of Pacific Grove businesses.

December 14 - "Stillwell's Snow in the Park." Caledonia Park will be covered with a blanket of glistening snow, festive twinkling lights, holiday carols, Santa's Workshop. Frosty the Snowman, hayrides, and entertainment.

BUSINESS NEWS

PG CHAMBER newsbriefs

by Moe Ammar

The PG Chamber will apply for a grant from the **Economic Development Corporation**. The Monterey County Board of Supervisors has designated the EDC to administer the County's program for economic development projects.

The EDC is also considering proposing a **Community Development Block Grant** to Pacific Grove. This funding would enable PG to establish a revolving loan fund for start-up and existing businesses, including business expansions.

Identifying businesses that meet the general requirements of the CDBG program is a top priority for the Chamber.

The new, improved **PG Accommodation Guide** is out! Esther Trosow, the Chamber's new administrative assistant, did a great job on this guide. It highlights information not previously available: number of nonsmoking rooms, rooms for the handicapped, ocean views, fireplaces, conference space, whether the lodging allows pets, and more.

Contact the Chamber for your copy of the new Guide.

New Chamber President **Jerry McIntire**, of the Rosedale Inn, has a new approach to leadership — walk, talk, and met our Chamber **494** members personally. So far, he's covered two business districts: Forest Hill/Country Club Gate and Sunset. Next are the Central/Eardley district and Downtown. Jerry has an open-door policy. Feel free to call him at 655-1000.

new members

Estheem Electrology. Owned by Randa Thurman, R.E., C.P.E., 620 Lighthouse, Suite 135, specialized in the "blend technique" of permanent hair removal. Randa is an electrologist and certified California State Instructor, and is on staff at the Jane Riddle Institute of Electrology. Her services are available to men, women and teens.

Fulina Chinese Kitchen, 1184G Forest Avenue. Owned by Edward and Kitty

Yeung, Fulina is a small, cozy, family-style restaurant. Both the lunch and dinner menu's smple selections, including Mongolian beef, lemon chicken, Hunan beef, orange peel chicken, and Szechuan shrimp are reasonalby priced. The wine list is simple but includes different California varietals.

German Motorwerks, 95 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. Owned by John and Linda Orehek, specializes in BMW, Mercedes, VW, Audi, Volvo and Mazdas. Family owned and operated, it offers military, student, and senior discounts.

Lasting Memories, 566 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove. Olivia and Michael Moti, offers a bridal registry, wedding planning, a full-service bridal department, unique gifts, porcelain and glassware rental, custom special-occasion apparel and accessories for all ages, and children's table etiquette classes. Lasting Memories also logos and custom designs on dishware for individuals and restaurants.

Monterey Bay Kayaks, 693 Del Monte Avenue, Monterey. Owned by Jeff and Cass Schrock, offers kayaking classes, guided tours, and rentals for the last 10 years. In addition to its water program, offers 50-plus models of touring kayaks, related accessories, books, and videos.

Monterey County Bank, 542 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove. Presided over by Charles Chrietberg, Jr., this bank will open in the Holman building early next year. The historical leader in SBA lending for Monterey County, MCB is the oldest locally owned bank and earned preferred SBA lender status in 1993 and is the only lender in the County than can approve an SBA loan in 48 hours.

SF Video, 930 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. Offers large-volume VHS, audiocassette, and CD-ROM duplication. The company has duplication facilities on both coasts and offers same-day custom quotes, video label and box printing, packaging, and fulfillment. SF Video specialized in video direct mail and offers 100% guaranteed quality.

Subway Sandwiches & Salads, 190 Country Club Gate Center, Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove. Owned by John Pieger, is a national franchise, featuring



NEW OWNERS of the Mariposa Grill (formerly Baylee's) are Joanne Diaz-Tous and her brother Phil Brazil (above). Their intent is to provide the atmosphere of a European style country inn with friendly, personal service and good country food, nothing exotic. They just started serving breakfast. Address is 1120 Lighthouse, near the Olympic Lodge.

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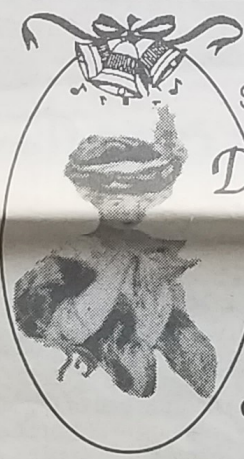
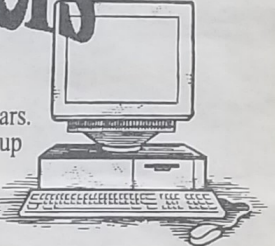
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pacific Grove resident

911 supervisor decries shoddy conditions

by Bob Bates

A dispatcher/supervisor for the Monterey County Communications Dispatch Center, has sent a letter, dated November 14, 1996, to Monterey County Supervisors asking for their co-operation in alleviating what she terms, "a situation that I believe is endangering the people of this county," as that relates to 911 service here.

Beth Batty, of Pacific Grove, a seven year veteran of service as a 911 dispatcher and for much of that time a shift supervisor, told supervisors that the mental and physical well-being of 911 dispatchers is at risk due to a wide-ranging list of job-related inequities within the 911 system here.

"I believe that the critical situation we have reached in our communication center is being ignored," Batty said.

"In the Monterey County Dispatch Centers we have a huge amount of responsibility," she said, "including answering all non-emergency police lines, answering all 911 lines requesting help, in addition to dispatching and monitoring the police and fire traffic."

"The workload we have had to endure has done nothing but increase as the population has increased over a period

of the past ten years.

"The agencies we work with have increased their staffing to keep up with the needs of their cities.

"And yet, the same number of dispatchers are on duty in this center on any given shift as there were ten years ago.

"In addition we have taken on the call taking and dispatching responsibilities for the Monterey Airport, as well as the CSUMB campus.

"This simply does not allow us to give the services warranted by the citizens of the county nor the police and fire agencies who pay for those services.

"We simply have too many police and fire channels to listen to and not enough staffing to do it, safely or efficiently.

"We are experiencing a significant rise in job related injuries, that I think are related to two issues, overtime and physical discomfort at our work stations.

"The magnitude of the liability for us as overextended and exhausted dispatchers is almost unthinkable.

"We have an allotted staffing level for the Monterey Center employees. We have only 11 permanent, full-time dispatchers at this time.

"We are posting a work schedule with a built in overtime total of 300-400 hours every two weeks.

"We find ourselves in a viscous cycle of working too much and getting sick.

"Our dispatchers work from 15 hours to 70 hours of overtime in a two week period.

"The fact that we work six to 30 or more days in a row is unsafe.

"A shift for us consists of either a 10 hour or twelve hour block of time. Within that time period we are not allotted a lunch break and are barely able to use the restroom.

"We must eat our meals at our work stations.

"The practice is extremely unhealthy and unsanitary. Our Standard Operating Procedures Manual is so outdated we end up relying on prior knowledge and that of co-workers for policy and procedures."

Batty offered a number of proposed solutions to the problems faced by 911 dispatchers in Monterey County, including additional staffing and a 33 percent pay increase, for dispatchers, "in keeping with those (salaries) of neighboring counties."

Batty's letter was signed by nine other dispatchers and copies were sent to local, state and federal legislators as well as to all area police and fire chiefs.

Heavy rains flush our pollution into not-so-clean Monterey Bay

With the first heavy rains of winter, several months accumulation of debris, oil, chemicals and other pollutants are washed off city streets and are flushed through storm drains, making their way into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Such urban runoff is one of the largest sources of pollution to the sanctuary and one of the hardest to control.

"It is almost unnoticeable in its accumulation," according to Terry Jackson, manager of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The pollution occurs in the form of pesticides washed from lawns and gardens, the constant dripping of oil from

automobiles and from dirt and debris washed into storm drains, he said.

"While some of this is the unavoidable by-product of urban life, much of it is not," Jackson said.

"What we want to stop are people who dump motor oil, household chemicals, and construction debris into storm drains.

"Most everything that goes into storm drains ends up in the ocean where it may harm living resources or enter the food chain," Jackson said.

Unlike household sewage, storm drain pollution is not cleansed by sewage treatment plants. Even people who live miles from the ocean may be polluting the sanctuary.

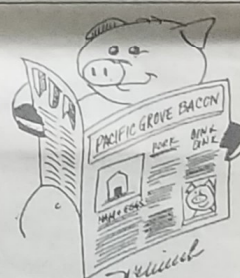
"The protection of our ocean and Sanctuary waters begins in the watersheds, the mountains, forests and neighborhoods that border the coasts," according to Holly Price, director of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Water Quality Protection Program.

"All of these ecosystems are adjoined," she said. The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the nations largest, encompasses 5,003 square miles of ocean and extends from Marin to San Luis Obispo County, along 360 miles of coastline.

Each year a number of beaches in the Monterey Bay area, especially those around stream outlets and river mouths are closed or posted as unsafe due to bacterial and other contamination.

"We warn people to look out for discolored water and to avoid streams and river outlets for three days following a storm."

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Holiday bazaar to benefit pre-school

by Judy Anderson

The Pacific Grove High School Multi-Purpose Room is the site Saturday, December 14, of the Annual Holiday Bazaar to benefit the PG Pre-school.

A sort of farmers market for kids, with handmade gifts for children's family and friends, priced under \$1, the bazaar is an enchanted house for children shoppers only.

The affair, replete with simple refreshments, a few children's activities, and a Country Store where parents can shop while their children shop, is open from 11am to 2pm.

Almost 50 families participate in the Pre-school program which is housed next to Robert Down School. All participate in the preparation and planning of this event including baking, food preparation and provision of a minimum of 15 gifts for the bazaar.

The bazaar is open to the public and features delicious homemade food. The High School is located at 615 Sunset Avenue, Pacific Grove.

COMMUNITY NEWS



THE GREEN GABLES INN is one of the Pacific Grove's seven Bed & Breakfast Inns that will be open during the "Christmas at the Inns" tour, Tuesday, December 10.

Food, entertainment will greet visitors on tour of Victorian inns

Visitors who participate in Pacific Groves' annual Christmas At The Inns, will have the opportunity to tour for the first time the newly completed Grand View Bed and Breakfast Inn.

The towering ocean-front lodge is just one of seven bed and breakfast inns that will open their doors for Christmas at the Inns, December 10.

Visitors will be able to view the holiday decorations in the Green Gables Inn, the Centrella Hotel, Old St. Angela's Inn, the Gosby House, the Gatehouse Inn and the Maritime Inn.

Costumed docents will be on hand at each B & B to tell visitors about the history and furnishings of the individual inns.

Light refreshments will be served at the Mayflower Church, on Central Avenue, from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Tickets for the Christmas At The Inns tour are \$10 and are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Forest and Central Avenues. They must be purchased before Dec. 10.

For more information call the Chamber at (408) 373-3304.

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Oscar Wilde

MILESTONES

Births

Jack Molmud, a son, to Larry and Laura Molmud of Pacific Grove November 13, 1996.

Demaris Lena Oxman, a daughter, to Jennie and Dion Oxman of Pacific Grove, November 13, 1996.

Kevin P. Nagle, son of Joshua and Carolyn Nagle of Pacific Grove, was born November 8, 1996.

Obituaries

Marie S. Jolley age 86, died November 13 at Hospice House of Monterey. Born at Watertown, NY, March 31, 1910, she was a resident of Pacific Grove for 19 years. She was a Registered Nurse for more than 50 years, last employed at Stanford University Hospital. She attended St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Pacific Grove. She is survived by a niece, Julia Gore of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. At her request there will be no service. Cremation will be under the direction of The Paul Mortuary, with interment at El Carmelo Cemetery.

Helen Cowan Wood, 90, died November 15 at the Medical Center at Canterbury Woods. Born June 9, 1906, in Fresno, she was a resident of Pacific Grove for 23 years. A retired school teacher, she was with the SGeorge Sacramento School District at the time of her retirement, where she developed a

curriculum for the children of migrant workers. She is survived by two nieces, Gwendolyn Watson of Rome, GA, and Jeanne C. Thorp of Dewey, AZ, and a nephew, Gerald Watson of Bellvue, WA. No services will be held. The Paul Mortuary is in charge of cremation arrangements. Memorial contributions may be sent in her memory to Canterbury Wood, 651 Sinex Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

George Henry Abrahamson, 76, died November 17, at Hospice House. Born March 20, 1920 in San Francisco, he lived in Pacific Grove for 12 years. He was a retired general contractor. A member of the Masonic Lodge in Palo Alto, he was also served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. He is survived by two brothers, Edward Abrahamson of Scotts Valley, CA and Robert Schaefer of Worth, Ill and by two sisters, Anita Woodstock of San Francisco, CA and Pearl McQuery of Menlo Park, CA. No services were held. The Paul Mortuary was in charge of cremation. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, of San Francisco.

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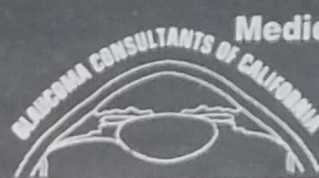
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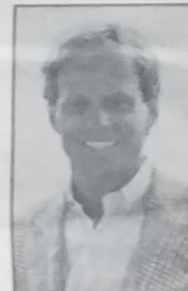


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Seasonal activities planned at Mayflower Presbyterian Church

The Mayflower Presbyterian Church of Pacific Grove cordially invites the community to attend any of a spate of holiday activities scheduled at the church this Christmas Season.

All events take place at the Church located at 14th and Central, to wit:

Sunday, Dec 1: Advent wreath making, 11:45am.

Sunday, Dec 1: Community Messiah Sing, 4pm. Sponsored by St. Mary's by the Sea, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Mayflower Presbyterian churches. Bring your voice and a score, or just come to listen. (Scores will be available at the door for purchase). John Farr, conductor; Judy Midgley, Organ. 4pm.

Friday, Dec 6: Christmas Concert by the Monterey Peninsula Choral Society (Tickets \$10 - at Bookmark or at the door). 8pm.

Sunday, Dec 8: All-church Christmas party and talent show, 5:30pm

Saturday, Dec 14: Monterey County Symphony (Call Symphony Office for ticket information, 624-8511) 7:30pm.

Saturday, Dec 21: Handbell Concert by Northminster Presbyterian Church Bell Ringers, 7pm.

Christmas Eve, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services:

6pm Family Worship & Pageant with children's choir and handbells.

11pm, Candlelight communion with special music & handbells.

COMMUNITY newsbriefs

Jr. League seeks members

The Junior League of Monterey County wants you! Say they're looking for new members to experience the positive impact of voluntarism in our community. Prospective Member Orientation Meeting to be held on Thursday December 19 at 6:30pm in the Old Whaling Station, Heritage Harbor (391 Decatur St., Monterey). The League is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntary, development the potential women, and improving community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. For info call the Jr. League of Monterey Co., Inc. 375-5356.

Aquarium guide course

You can find out what's involved with being a volunteer guide at the Aquarium by enrolling in a 14-week training course which begins on January 7, 1997, open to individuals 18 or older. Guides play a key role in telling the story of the Bay and Marine Sanctuary to the aquarium's 1.8 million annual visitors.. Call 648-4867.

Soroptimists seek nominees

Soroptimist International of the Monterey Peninsula is soliciting nominations for three annual awards which recognize women, and businesses in the community, who assist women and promote the advancement of the status of women in society: Women of Distinction, Women Helping Women, and Advancing the Status of Women. Call Mine Oksayan at 624-7019 for details.

Cooking for the health of it

The Meals on Wheels Auxiliary series of cooking classes begins Tuesday, December 30. Mary Chamberlin, food consultant, caterer and college culinary arts instructor, will offer a second series of healthful gourmet cooking classes in her award winning Carmel kitchen. Students get hands-on techniques, followed by a chance to enjoy their own cooking during an elegant lunch with views of Carmel Valley and Point Logos. Class members go home with a printed booklet of recipes. Call MOW for details, 375-4454.

Victorian Christmas Party

Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, turnkey, trifle, roast chestnuts, punch and other Victorian delicacies await members and friends of the Monterey Peninsula Dickens Fellowship Saturday, December 14. These denizens of Dickensian literature will feast in Pacific Grove at the home of Beth Penny, honorary secretary and newsletter editor of the club. If you are a devotee of Dickens, you might want to join before the big feast. Call 372-7625 for information.

Suit by promoter asks \$1 million from PG Youth Action group

A suit was filed in San Mateo County Superior Court, July 16, by Thomas Gano, seeking more than \$1 million in damages from the Pacific Grove Action Committee and Crain Communications of Pacific Grove, co-sponsors of the Rolling Concours in 1995 and the proposed, AutoWeek Road Show in 1996.

Gano charged in the suit that the name and the concept of the Rolling Concours and the AutoWeek Road Show, were novel concrete ideas that belong exclusively to him.

As the result of Gano's lawsuit, AutoWeek withdrew its sponsorship of the 1996 event, according to Jeanne Byrne, director of the Pacific Grove Youth Action Committee.

Participants who had pre-paid reservations for this year's AutoWeek Road Show were told that the event had been canceled and many of the car owners did not participate, Mrs. Byrne said.

With no co-sponsor and fewer participants than expected, PGYAC volunteers made a success of the event anyway, she said, raising \$6,000 for the benefit of youth in the community.

Although proceedings to enjoin the event from occurring were withdrawn, the lawsuit for damages continues, she said. Pacific Grove Attorney Brian Fortune Gill, who represents PGYAC would not comment on the case while it is pending.

REAL ESTATE transactions

Pacific Grove

150 FOREST: \$238,000. Alan A. and Rose M. Turpen to Thomas R. and Denise A. Connors, 11-14-96.

326 BISHOP: \$266,000. Timothy G. McCarthy to Richard E. and Mariann deMorduant Schramm, 11-14-96.

50 QUARTERDECK: \$335,000. Patricia J. dePress, trustee to Scott T. and Jenny W. Davids, 11-15-96.

409 ALDER: \$290,000. Susan E. Nilmeier to Kenneth H. and Cheryl M. Bigger, 11-05-96.

503 19th: \$244,500. Greg S. Wolfson to Rick M. Hayman, 11-07-96.

320 JUNIPERO: \$268,000. Iver A. and Mary C. Riise to Robert Carp, 11-07-96.

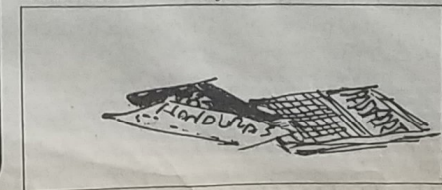
Pebble Beach

1171 ARROYO: \$200,000. Robert C. Hutchison, trustee to Robert C. Hutchison, 11-05-96.

DEL CIERVO RD: \$1,550,000. Leslie C. and Betty F. Morgan, trustees to Sam B. Grayson, 11-14-96.

RONDARD: \$500,000. Hentry H. Mauz, Jr. to John P. and Dinah E. Hubert, 11-15-96.

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I cackled silently as I asked all the kids their E-mail addresses. Did those two guys in the garage churning out their first Apples listen to their mothers? Did they realize that mothers everywhere would master the computer and go internet.?

The kids innocently gave me their E-mail addresses. Some even installed the software for me. They all think I will become too immersed in the medical news of the day to do much E-Nag. Wrong.

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Sample: What Mass did you go to-day? Did you take those pills sent you? Well, no wonder you have another cold. (Most of the time you can count on somebody in their family having a cold.)

No, don't ask the doctor to take it.

How much did you save this month? Do you know about compound interest? Are you still letting the kids play computer games?

Who are you voting for? I'd like an

answer by tomorrow. (Didn't get them in time for Election-nag.)

Are you still speaking to Cousin Rose? Well, stop, until she comes to her senses. No one goes to school at fifty-five.

There is a sale at K Mart on plastic flowers. I bought some quite cheap. Your living room is so bare. It needs some eye interest. "Your brother Bill has not sent me his E-Mail address. Does he think living in Garberville exempts him from his mother? I trust one of you will send it, or no fruit cake this Christmas. What do you mean he has no electricity. Everybody has electricity.

I have called Steve Jobs and he has not returned my call. Do any of you know him personally?

I don't know whether I can get this all into five hours a month. I've already used up most of this month's time and I have three more weeks. Do they have some kind of senior citizen plan? Or are they ignoring poor elderly women again. I'll be expecting to hear from you by tomorrow, day after for sure. Try to have some sense. Call me.

Write this down: my address is: 105406.213@compuserve.com

Club Corner

by Nadine Annad

Altrusans are community hostesses

The recent 1,200-mile long "deAnza Historic Trail Commemorative Relay" held last week brought to mind the 100-year celebration when descendants took part in the reenacted celebration. Two Altrusans, now sadly both deceased proudly participated in the Monterey aspect of the long trek. Anita Abby Church, descendent of the Boronda family and Carol deRuyter, whose ancestors were in the original party, both played active roles. Altrusans of the Monterey Peninsula served as hostesses wherever needed.

Altrusans still help out whenever needed and will serve as hostesses on December 2 when the tree-lighting is held in Pacific Grove.

They will assist Chautauqua Hall Preservation Society members in serving refreshments in Chautauqua hall following the ceremony.

Official Doings

A small group of volunteers of the Alliance on Aging Auxiliary met on November 21 to elect officers for this supportive and caring group. Jack Baltimore is the new president; June LaMantia now serves as vice-president; Helen Bodo is the current secretary and Hal Gilgen continues as treasurer. The Auxiliary is still searching for a location for the next Designer Showcase and welcomes any suggestions.

More Official doings

The Pacific Grove Art Center will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 3 at 7pm in the Art Center. All members are urged to attend and to help elect officers for 1997. A slate of

candidates will be presented and nominations may be made from the floor.

PGAC members are acting as hostesses during the Christmas at the Inns tour on December 10 and are also providing cookies for the "Mayflower Church refreshment hour after the tour.

They will also be busy on January 17 at the Whalefest celebration at Monterey Bay Aquarium. A show at the PGAC honoring "Whalefest" will take place at a later date.

Still more. On Saturday, February 1, there will be a special program "Speak-easy Swing Set" at the Art Center. Details later.

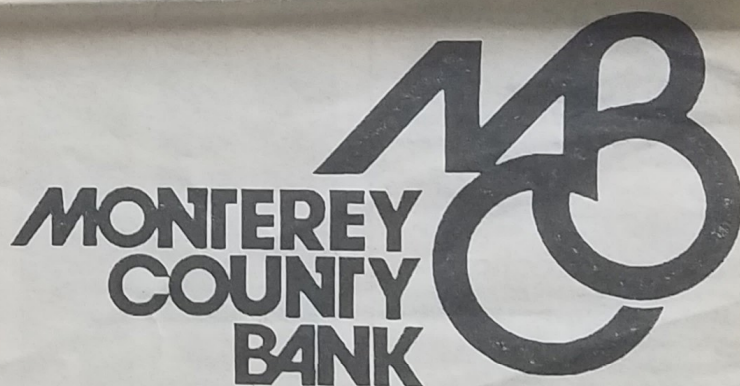
More doings

Always inspiring and exciting this year's 38th Annual Banquet for Woman of the Year honored by Quota International Monterey-Pacific Grove on Saturday, November 23 at Rancho Canada was NO exception. "Marj" Hunsicker, especially active in the Alliance on Aging, along with numerous Peninsula involvements, was guest of honor for 1996. As usual most of the past honorees present were seated at a special table. All were duly introduced and presented with a single red rose. Around the table were Kitty Ragsdale, Bruna Odello, Jackie Craghead and myself, all renewing friendships. Morely Brown, 1991 recipient, was also present along with Edie Karas. Edie presented a special plaque from her husband, Sam, to Marj, acknowledging her dedication.

Novell Nicholoso, 1979 Woman of the Year and well-known for the Friday luncheons at Pacific Grove Community Center gave the inspiration. Excellent food and musical entertainment helped make the evening great.



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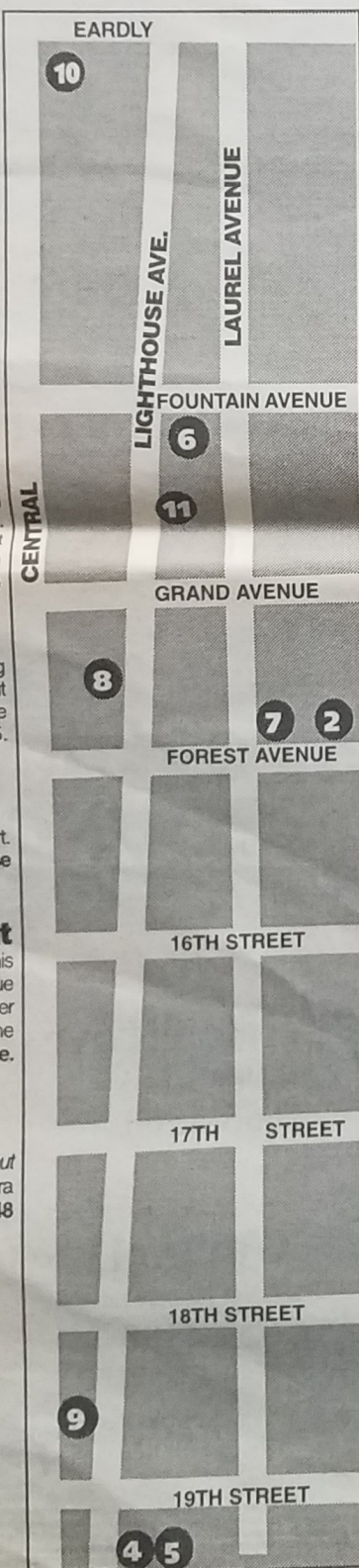
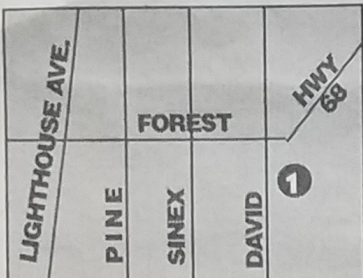
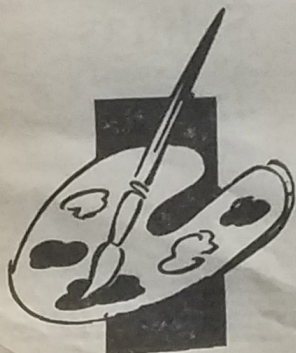
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Exhibits

Museum of Natural History. A temporary exhibit of Indian rock art of the Southwest now features photographs by Carmel Valley resident Dale Hekhuis. Open through January 5, 1997. Tucked away in such adventurous sounding places as Horse-shoe Canyon, Cjomanche Gap, and Dry Fork Canyon is a matchless American heritage - a rich array of images on rock made by Indian artists during the past 2,000 years. Hours 10am-5pm Tue-Sun. Central and Forest Avenues, Pacific Grove. Free admission.

Artists Forum Gallery. A variety of plein air style works by contemporary artist Michael Thomas Kainer is now being exhibited. Paintings on display are samples from Kainer's "Painted Poems" collection and portray scenes of the Monterey Peninsula. Several other plein air works will be on exhibit by other local artists. 309 Forest, Pacific Grove. 375-4-ART

Pacific Grove Art Center. A public reception this evening, Friday, Nov 29, from 7-9pm, will celebrate the opening of December exhibits on view through Jan 3. The Gill Gallery features John Babcock's images in handmade paper titled "The Peculiarities of Colored Paper." In the Dyke Gallery the works of four Pacific Grove landscape painters (Johnny Apodaca, Mark Farina, Ron Grauer, and Jeff Smith) "Informal Views" will be on display. Douglas Casperian's cibachrome images of people from all over the world, "The Secret Museum of Mankind" are featured in



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the Boyer Gallery. And the Photo Gallery is now showing a photographic documentary "The Rice Land Suite," by Gerry Tsuruda which explores rice growing in California. 568 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove.

Hawk Fine Arts. "Over Traveled Roads," new paintings by Belle Yang,, a selection of recent works for sale and from private collections by this nationally acclaimed Carmel artist and author is on exhibit through Dec 29. Open Thu, Fri, and Sat from 11-5 or by appointment. 206 Fountain Ave, Pacific Grove, 373-6007.

Porch Fabrics & Gallery. Antique quilts from the collection of Wilda Northrop are on exhibit now through January 3, Mon-Sat from 10am-5pm, and Sundays noon-4pm. 157 Grand, Pacific Grove.

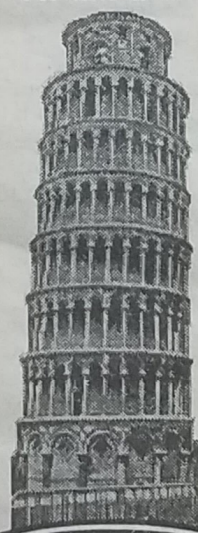
Tillie Gort's. An exhibit of Jeff Hoke's paintings titled "The Do-it-yourself Museum" is now on exhibit at this restaurant in Pacific Grove. Hoke explores how museums change the meanings of everyday objects, inviting viewers to share in this exploration by providing a means to make our own individual museum. Hoke has worked in museums for the past 15 years and his work has been exhibited in museums across the country. Daily 11am-10:30pm through Nov 18. 111 Central Avenue, 373-0335.

Vehicle Gallery. Now featuring photographic works of Madeline Berger capturing the spirit of flamenco. A student and flamenco guitarist for 26 years, this musician shows 20 photographs in an exhibit now up through January 6. Open Mon-Thu from 10am to 6pm; Fri and Sat 10-5 with a daily lunch break from 1-3pm. 551 Lighthouse, (in the back of the Camera Exchange), Pacific Grove. 373-0448.

Carmel Art Association. Pacific Grove artist Joseph Nordmann, a plein air painter of California landscapes in oils, will be exhibiting his work Dec 5 - Dec 31, including a series of Fort Ord. A reception for the artist will be held Sat Dec 7, from 5-7pm. He began painting 40 years ago with Paul Conner, one of Southern California's plein air painters of deserts and foothills. On Dolores Street between 5th and 6th Avenues, Carmel.

Gallery Who's Who in Art. Nov 17 - Dec 31 features many small paintings by Van Waldron. A native Californian, he is an impressionist painter and teacher, whose work has won over 300 national and regional awards And is represented in many public and private collections throughout the world. 300 Foam St, on the Recre-

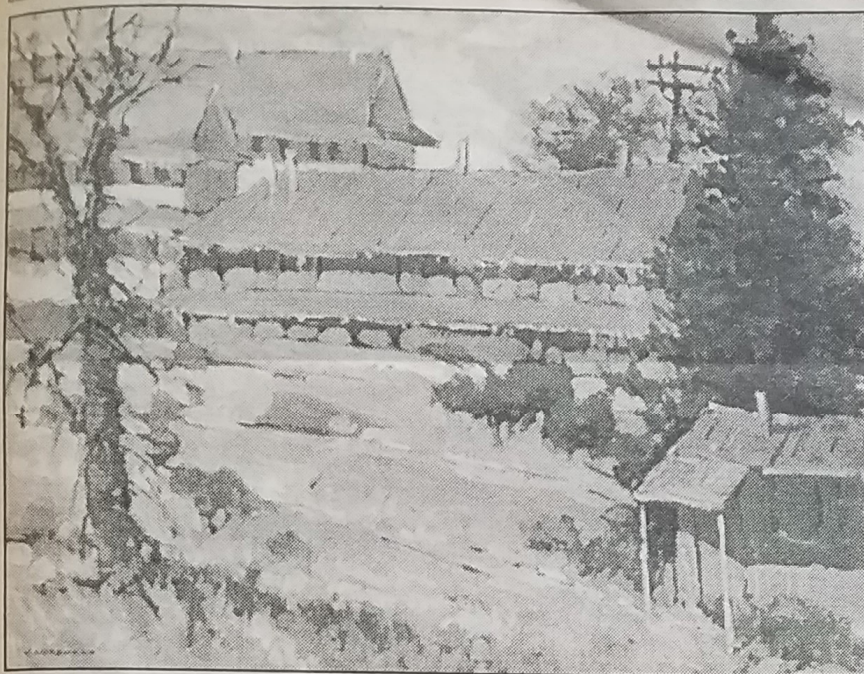
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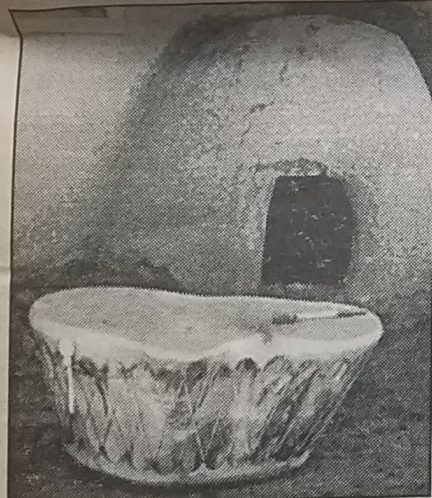
PLEIN AIR oils by Pacific Grove artist Joseph Nordmann now at Carmel Art Association

ation Trail beside the Monterey Plaza Hotel, Cannery Row.

For kids

Jewell Park. Pacific Grove's annual Christmas tree lighting festivities Monday, Dec 2. Live entertainment by school bands, followed by caroling at the Museum and a visit from St. Nick. **Details (373-3304) on page 4.**

Children's Snow Fantasy. Saturday, Dec 14, Caledonia Park (Central at 18th) will be covered with a blanket of glistening snow for kids to build snowmen and frolic in. Festive twinkling lights, holiday carols, Santa's Workshop, Frosty the Snowman,



CRAFTS of contemporary Native Americans will be on sale at the Museum Dec 7-8.

hay wagon rides, and other entertainment. **Santa Claus** will be on hand this evening, Fri Nov 29 at 6:15 pm to greet kids during the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at the Steinbeck Plaza at Cannery Row and Prescott Ave. Monterey Mayor Dan Albert and Salvation Army Capt. Henry Graciani will light the 25-foot tree. Music, carollers, free hot apple cider for all. Children can give their Christmas wishes to S. Claus and have their picture taken with him. A \$1 donation to the Salvation Army and a correct guess how many lights are on the tree. Top three winners will receive a prize. No donation necessary to participate.

Father Christmas will make a special holiday appearance at Chatterbox Children's Shoppe Saturday Dec 21 from 2-3pm. He will be twisting balloon creations for all, telling stories, and brightening the season. Parents are encouraged to bring their chil-

dren to enjoy this treat for the whole family. Father Christmas is played by Kerry Hartjen, a professional magician and actor best known in these parts as "Ravioli the Magical Clown." 157 Fountain Ave, Pacific Grove.

Events

Museum of Natural History. An American Indian Art Market will be open free to the public Sat. & Sun. Dec. 7 & 8. This artist sponsored event is the only market on the Monterey peninsula held exclusively for documented American Indian artists with original hand crafted art. Art in action includes native flute, carving, basket making and painting. More than 22 artists. From 10am - 5pm. Central Avenue at Forest, Pacific Grove. 648-3116 for more info.

Annual Advent Tea will be hosted Dec 1, from 3-5pm by the St. James Episcopal Church in downtown Monterey in the historic McGowan House, corner of Franklin and High streets. The event is sponsored by the St. James' Kitchen Angels who oversee hospitality for the parish. Everyone welcome. \$5 donation.

A Tree Lighting celebration at the DoubleTree Hotel on Tue, Dec 3, from 5-7pm will benefit the Family Resource Center of Monterey County. It marks the beginning of the toy drive ending Dec 17 to gather gifts to be distributed to children. Music by an elementary school chorus and a US Air Force choir. Bring a new unwrapped gift for a child to age 12. For info call Valerie at FRC, 394-4622.

Christmas at the inns. Tuesday, Dec 10 visit several of Pacific Grove's Victorian bed and breakfast inns decorated for the holidays in Victorian splendor. Limited number of tickets sold. Entertainment and refreshments served. Info & tickets 373-3304.

Monterey Bay Aquarium. Free admission on weekends of Dec 7-8 and Dec 14-15, for Monterey Co. residents only, to mark Aquarium's 12th anniversary and welcome locals to debut the new Outer Bay galleries. Also last chance to see special exhibition, "Deadly Beauties," which closes Jan 2, featuring poisonous sea life from coral reefs around the world. Valid ID with proof of residence required. Offer good 10am - 6pm Dec 7, 8, 14 & 15. Cannery Row at David Avenue. Visiting guest must pay. 648-4800 for info.

English Tea with Music. Amy Krupski, Pacific Grove Celtic harpist will accompany the savory fare of delicious scones, sausage rolls, finger sandwiches, pasties and sweets Dec 15, 3:30 - 4pm during the YWCA seasonal fund-raiser at 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey. Reserve \$10-\$12

tickets to benefit the YWCA Domestic Violence Program by calling Barbara Davies, 649-0834.

Carmel Woman's Club welcomes women from Pacific Grove and Monterey to join them in meeting twice monthly. Next meeting Dec 2 features fine art photographer Henry Gilpin who will discuss his works exhibited in several local galleries. Meeting's at 2pm at the clubhouse, at ninth and San Carlos., Carmel. Refreshments follow. Non-members \$3. Call 624-3379 for information.

Diversions

Mayflower Church. Friday, Dec 6 at 8pm, The Joy of Christmas program with the Monterey Peninsula Choral Society presenting *Seven Joys of Christmas* by K. Mechem, *A Christmas Cantata* by J.S. Bach, and *Hallelujah Chorus* by G.F. Handel under direction of Linda Taylor Keill. Tickets \$10 at Bookmark, 307 Forest Ave, Pacific Grove or call 626-8156. Mayflower Church is located at Central and 14th St, Pacific Grove.

Monterey Co. Symphony inaugurates its chamber ensemble and recital series at Mayflower Church in Pacific Grove Saturday Dec 14 at 7:30pm. Tickets \$16 adults and \$8 for children.

California's First Theatre. "The Loan of a Wife" is a British farce first produced at the Lyceum Theatre in 1846, now playing. This comedy showing the consequences of deceit plays Fri & Sat nights thru Nov 30. The annual *Oleo Review* (vaudeville with melodramatic skits) runs from Dec 6 - Feb 1 featuring the entire cast from 8-10pm. A special *New Year's Eve Show* is on the boards December 31. The theatre is dark Dec 20 & 21. All curtains up at 8pm. Pacific & Scott Streets, Old Monterey. Reservations 375-4916.

Unicorn Theatre. *Aspirin & Elephants*, a British farce about an anniversary cruise prescribed to rest a man (Philip Pratt) recovering from a heart attack with his wife (Neva Hahn) and two daughters (Deborah Greene and Kate Martin) and respective spouses (Rob Foster and Skip Kadish). 8pm Thu, Fri & Sat with Sunday performances at 7pm until November 23. Tickets available at Bookmark (648-0508) and Spanish Bay Galleries (373-0554) in Pacific Grove. 320 Hoffman Avenue at Lighthouse in New Monterey. 649-0259 for res-

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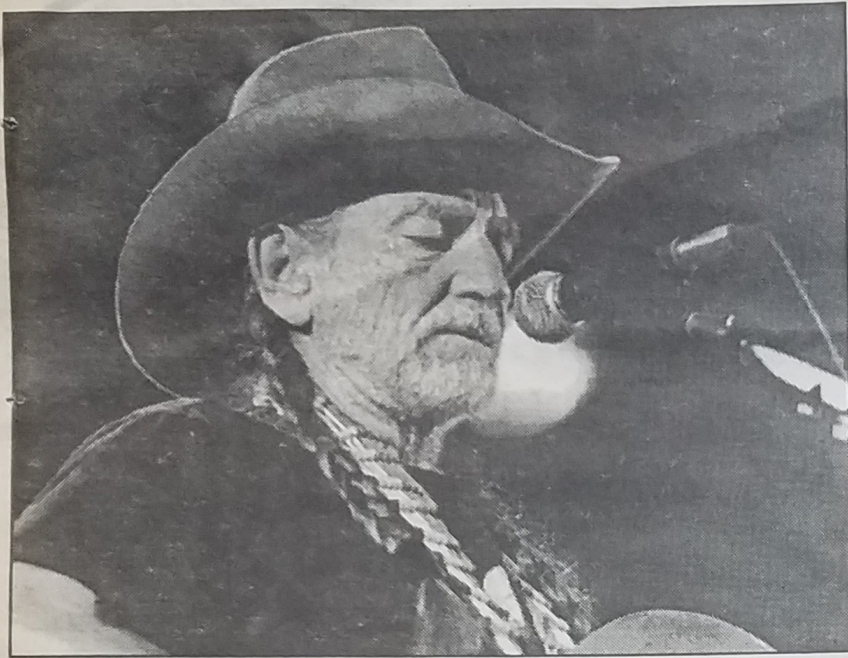
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Popular country and western recording artist Willie Nelson was the headliner for a fund raiser to benefit the Life Savers For Youth program, November 23 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey. Performing with Nelson were Leon Russell, Rita Coolidge and Nelson's daughters Paula and Connie. BEACON Photo by Bob Bates

\$150 per plate

Willie Nelson helps raise \$160,000 for "Life Savers"

by Bob Bates

Suicide prevention in our schools is the aim of Life Savers For Youth, an organization formed by a Monterey Peninsula woman, Vel Garrity, whose seventeen year old daughter took her own life more than a decade ago.

Saturday, November 23, Monterey Peninsula residents including Pacific Grove Mayor Sandy Koffman, actors Clint Eastwood and Dean Stockwell and 640 of their friends attended an \$150 a plate dinner, held at the Monterey Hyatt hotel to help fund the Life Savers for Youth project.

The event raised \$160,000 for Life Savers for Youth, according to Jane Consani, co-chair of the benefit.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Mrs. Clint Eastwood (local television anchorwoman Dina Ruiz) who is expecting the couple's first child.

Country and Western singer-song writer Willie Nelson and former Shelter Records recording artist Leon Russell, mesmerized the crowd with several of their time tested standards.

Joining Nelson on stage were his daughters Paula and Connie, whose brother, Billy died by suicide some years ago. Rita Coolidge also was among the entertainers who performed for the benefit.

All of the performers donated their time and efforts.

Silent and live auctions, held during the program raised several thousands of dollars Jane Consani said.

Last year the fund raiser generated \$140,000 for the Life Savers for Youth program, Mrs. Consani said.

Saturday's event was the Ninth Annual fund raiser. Suicide among teenagers has tripled since the 1950's, according to a mission statement by Life

Savers for Youth.

Every year, half a million young people will attempt suicide and 6,000 will succeed.

Experts say that 40 to 50 percent of teenagers seriously consider suicide. The tragedy is that teenage suicide is preventable.

Life Savers for Youth has a history of saving lives through education, providing individuals and experts in the field to talk to students about the problem and to recognize symptoms of suicidal depression in their friends and schoolmates, according to Mrs. Consani.

Life Savers for Youth serves schools all over Monterey and San Benito counties, she said. "Some schools are resistant to the program, but, we are available to any school interested in what we have to offer," Mrs. Consani said.

Middle school music meisters to entertain at tree lighting event

A group of musicians from Pacific Grove Middle School, directed by Gary Stotz, will perform its *Winter Consort* on Monday, December 2, during the City's tree lighting event at Jewell Park. Music will start around 4:45pm and will continue until dark.

Student musicians involved are Dustin Conner, baritone sax; Amy Crawford, clarinet; Natalie Garcia, bass clarinet; Adam Harr, trumpet; Kent Leatham, clarinet; Brian Maurer, trumpet; Erin McNamara, trumpet; Christa Schuck, clarinet; Katina Sigillo, flute; Mark Stotzer, tuba; Andrew Trezise, bells; Rachael Uchida, flute; and Erin Wray, baritone horn.

Local museum now exhibits art on net

Rare (and previously presumed lost) paintings from the critically-acclaimed "Golden Age of the Ballet Russes" series by the late American artist H.J. Stowitts, currently on exhibition at The Stowitts Museum & Library in downtown Pacific Grove, can now be seen by art lovers and students from around the world without leaving the comfort of their computer stations.

The museum's new website, which went on-line earlier this month, is taking "hits" 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

The museum's current exhibition, "Nijinsky Dancing!", is archived on the Web, together with text and full color reproductions of the paintings making up the exhibit.

Other exhibitions currently available include *Theatrical Splendor in an Ancient Court of China*, *The Heritage of India* and *Ted Shwan and His Men Dancers*.

"Our website is just as professional and appealing and important as such venerable institutions as the Met in New York or the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art," says museum curator Anne Holliday.

The Stowitts Museum is open to the public Wed-Fri from 1-5pm at 591 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove. Call 655-4488 for information.

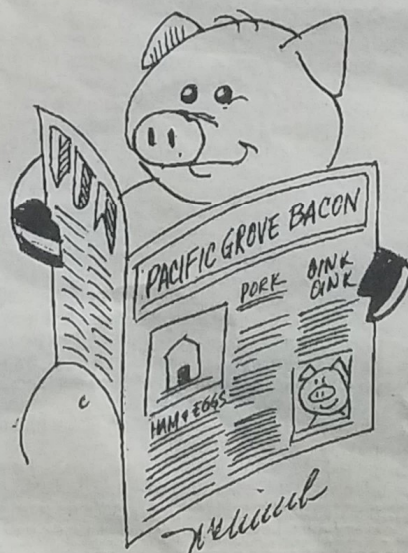
Artists' all day draw starts December 7

The Pacific Grove Art Center has announced a new event to occur each Saturday called the "All Day Draw," and art class to be held on the first Saturday of each month from 10am-4pm, a great way for artists to sharpen their skills.

There will be two live models to draw. Artists bring their own materials (paints, brushes, pencils, etc.) and something to contribute to a pot-luck lunch.

Instructor is Betty Rees. The cost is \$16 for all day, \$9 for half day.

The next "All Day Draw" is scheduled for December 7. For more information call the Art Center at 375-2208.



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St. Angela's Catholic Church, Lighthouse at 9th Street. Masses: Sat.-8am & 5:30 pm. Sun.-8am, 10am, noon & 5:30pm. Confessions: Sat.- 4pm to 5pm. Daily masses: 8am and 12:10pm. **655-4160**

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"Informal Views"

Four local landscape painters now showing at PG Art Center

Four outdoor landscape painters expressing their visions of the region through oil painting, will have their works on display at the Pacific Grove Art Center November 29 through January 3, 1997.

A reception for the artists, Jeff Smith, Ron Grauer, Mark Farina and Johnny Apodaca will be held November 29 at the Art Center from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. P.G. Art Center is located at 568 Lighthouse Avenue, in Pacific Grove.

Jeff Smith is originally from Southern California and came to the Monterey Peninsula in late 1994. He has worked primarily as a painter of large scale murals and backdrops.

Since coming to the Monterey Peninsula, Smith has been painting the landscape as a fine artist. Lively color and direct brush work successfully captures the feeling of spontaneity in Jeff's work.

Ron Grauer has resided on the Peninsula since 1970.

He received his education at Washburn M.U.; Kansas City Art Institute and Sarasota School of Art. While serving in the Navy he was enrolled in the Famous

Artists School.

He moved to California following art school and opened a graphic design studio. Relocating to Carmel, the artist has been doing what he likes best, painting.

Mark Farina has been living on the Peninsula since 1982. He makes his home in Pacific Grove.

Mark grew up in the Adirondak Mountains of New York. He attended college at Florida State University where his interests turned to art. Graduating with an Art major and an Art History minor, the artist was also selected for a six month artistic sojourn to Florence, Italy through a college program in 1969.

Johnny Apodaca has lived and painted on the Monterey Peninsula for the past 24 years. As a modern-day plein-air artist Apocada considers himself to be continuing the tradition of turn-of-the-century California artists, who sought to capture in dramatic and lasting ways, the inspiring beauty of the central coast area.

It is the legacy of the early California impressionists that Johnny Apodaca,

Pacific Grove Service clubs

Northrup Kirk is a true Kiwanian with an impact

by Art Alexander

Northrup Kirk doesn't say a lot, but what he does say has real impact. Indeed, his life has had a lot of impact; impact on the people he helps and the community he lives in.

Northrup's service in Kiwanis reflects



Northrup Kirk

his long history of public and community service.

Raised in Corcoran, California he graduated from Occidental College, earned his Masters degree at Columbia and attended National War College in Washington, D.C.

During World War Two he was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. Following the

war, Kirk began his 26 year career with the Department of State and Foreign Service as a diplomat, negotiator, research director and economic advisor in U.S. Embassies and Missions.

He served in Yugoslavia, Sri Lanka, Guinea, Iraq, Geneva, Paris and Washington, D.C. Kirk and his wife, Dorothy, settled in Pacific Grove in 1975 after his retirement from the State Department.

Their three children, Barbara, Elizabeth and Northrup, Jr., all attended Pacific Grove schools. For the past 18 years Kirk has devoted his time and energy to helping the elderly with tax matters.

As Tax program Coordinator for the Alliance on Aging, Kirk oversees 25 volunteers who help seniors prepare their taxes.

Kirk also delivers meals on wheels. He and wife Dorothy are both active at St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

In 1978, Kirk joined Kiwanis, serving on the Board of Directors for 12 years and as club treasurer for 10 years. An active member of Kiwanis, he can be found at the Kiwanis food booth during the Monterey County Fair and Jazz Festival.

The Kirks host the annual Kiwanis Christmas party in their home.

"If you have an interest in serving in Pacific Grove, come to Kiwanis and see what we have to offer," Kirk said. "We meet each Tuesday morning at 7:30 in the Meals On Wheels Building. For information about Kiwanis, call me at 375-1043 or for the Senior Tax Program, call me at 646-4636. I'm here to help."

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1 In public forums this summer, we asked Monterey Peninsula residents how we should solve the community's water problems. At our request, National Demographics interviewed 16,000 Peninsula residents by phone. Here's what we found out:

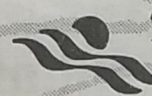
- Residents do not want development and growth
- Residents want a secure water supply
- Residents want to avoid drought water restrictions and conditions

2 The State has ordered the replacement of 10,730 acre-feet of water a year from the Carmel River aquifer. That represents two-thirds of the annual water usage by Peninsula residents. Based on the State's order, and the opinions and desires of Monterey Peninsula residents, California-American Water Company (Cal-Am) is initiating a program to assure:

- Restoration of the Carmel River—the fish, the riverbanks, and the habitat in general
- Further promotion of water conservation through continued education
- A new pricing system, effective January 1997, to reward those who use less water

3 A vital centerpiece of this program is a No-Growth Dam to provide water to meet existing water needs only. The No-Growth Dam will replace the 10,730 acre-feet of water, revive the Carmel River, restore the riparian habitat and provide security against drought. Cal-Am will support the community in enforcing a No-Growth dam and will require, as a condition of its application to the California Public Utilities Commission, the State Water Resources Control Board and the Army Corps of Engineers, that the Dam will not be used for new growth. The Dam will be:

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THIS STUDENT at Robert Down School read a beautiful interview she had written about a relative who was a veteran of WWI. We wrote a nonsense caption to hold the space until we got her name. And we've misplaced it now at presstime. We'll get it next issue.

SPORTS & REC newsbriefs

Holiday fashion show

Friday, December 6, a student fashion show is slated 6-7pm at the Youth Center, corner of Laurel and 16th, in Pacific Grove. Check out the latest styles, watch your friends on the cat walk, join in on a giant Macarena dance, and have fun. This event is free.

Holiday crafts

A group craft project will start after school Tuesday, December 3. You can get into the holiday spirit by participating in creating a life-size Snowman out of paper-mache. Interested parents can help too. Sign up at the youth center to get on board. Call 648-3134 for more info.

Winter break at the Rec

The PG Youth Center will be open December 23-28 (closed Christmas Day). Sign up to join the annual Ice Skating trek to Eastridge Mall in San Jose December 23.

Parents please help

The Youth Center needs your help with the upcoming fund-raiser December 30, for the Center. We need baking expertise. We're talking about the movie premiere of "Evita" here in River City and a reception with a lavish cheesecake buffet. If you are interested in donating a cheesecake from your business or baking one yourself, please contact Janet at 375-6263.

Chaperones wanted for dances

Interested in becoming a chaperone for one of several dances planned for the Youth Center in the future? Please contact Jody at 648-3134.

Linda Vernon earns national award

Lianna Vernon, a former student at PG Middle School, has been named a United States National Award winner in History & Government.

This prestigious honor is attained by less than 10% of all American high school students. Lianna was recommended by her sponsor and teacher Madeline Sloan for academic achievement during the 1995-'96 school year.

She is the daughter of Mick and Lisa Vernon.

COMMUNITY schoolbriefs

PGRA funds to schools

At the November 7 meeting of the PG School District board of trustees, Pacific Grove Residents Association President Bud Nunn presented \$1,375 to the district raised by the Flea Market held at Robert Down School September 28. Three amounts of \$375 were for each of the three grammar schools; David Avenue, Robert Down, and Forest Grove. Any additional \$250 was donated to Robert Down for 2-way radios to aid playground supervisors at recess.

New boiler room for MS

Plumbing contractors are scheduled to begin replacement, during the Winter Break (Dec 21-Jan 6), of the heat source for the PG Middle Schools heating system. For \$31,846, Nichols Plumbing will remove five small boilers (of which only one or two now work) and replace them with a newer and larger boiler. Funds come from the school district's deferred maintenance budget which, according to Asst. Supt. Robin Blakely, is half to one percent of the district's budget plus whatever amount the state matches it with.

Middle school concert

December 18 in the PGMS Auditorium, musical groups will perform beginning at 7pm. The annual winter concert will feature the Advanced Band, the Band, Advanced Orchestra, Orchestra, Full Orchestra and the Jazz Band, all directed by Director Gary Stotz. Also featured will be the Chorus directed by Ella Ray Toscano. Performers will be in concert dress at 6:30pm.

Taste seeking donations

The auction committee of The Great Taste of PG, an annual school fundraiser at the Inn at Spanish Bay set for Sunday, February 2, 1997, is currently seeking donations of items and services to be auctioned. Proceeds from last year's event totaled over \$20,000 which went directly to Pacific Grove classrooms and programs. Call Auction Chairman Jan Covell, 372-2891 for donations or reservations.

Middle School PTA thanks

Harriet Fox and Mickey Wilson, co-presidents of the PGMS PTA, expressed thanks in their recent bulletin to hard working members: Kelly Cool, Pam Weaver and Elena Loomis for their help in making this year's Red Ribbon Week so successful.

Janet Gray and her crew for the wonderful Halloween Dance.

Linda Pagnella for, again, making our Honor Society Breakfast such a hit.

Jeanne Byrne for donating all the copying for the Fund Drive puzzles.

Mary Masten for coordinating 6th grade lunch activities.



VICTORIAN-like lamp posts downtown are now gaily hung with Christmas bunting (above) up and down Lighthouse Avenue. But it looks like we're one post short, again. This is dead soldier number three by our count since these welcome sentries were added to the street. Mind the curb while you're parking, please! BEACON photo.



REAL ESTATE transactions

Pacific Grove

150 FOREST: \$238,000. Alan A. and Rose M. Turpen to Thomas R. and Denise A. Connors, 11-14-96.

326 BISHOP: \$266,000. Timothy G. McCarthy to Richard E. and Mariann deMorduant Schramm, 11-14-96.

50 QUARTERDECK: \$335,000. Patricia J. dePress, trustee to Scott T. and Jenny W. Davids, 11-15-96.

409 ALDER: \$290,000. Susan E. Nilmeier to Kenneth H. and Cheryl M. Bigger, 11-05-96.

503 19th: \$244,500. Greg S. Wolfson to Rick M. Hayman, 11-07-96.

320 JUNIPERO: \$268,000. Iver A. and Mary C. Riise to Robert Carp, 11-07-96.

Pebble Beach

1171 ARROYO: \$200,000. Robert C. Hutchison, trustee to Robert C. Hutchison, 11-05-96.

DEL CIERVO RD: \$1,550,000. Leslie C. and Betty F. Morgan, trustees to Sam B. Grayson, 11-14-96.

RONDA RD: \$500,000. Hentry H. Mauz, Jr. to John P. and Dinah E. Hubert, 11-15-96.

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Music at the Mayflower.....Saturday, 12/14 7:30 P.M.
Monterey County Symphony
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Handbell Concert.....Saturday, 12/21 7:30 P.M.
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- Monarch Knitting & Quilts** - 529 Central. Will offer a **10% discount** on Christmas Table Runners.
- Mulberry**, A Bookshop for Children - 716 Lighthouse. Will offer a **25% discount** on any books purchased between 5-8pm on December 10.
- PG's Hallmark** - 570 Lighthouse. Will offer **10% off** any Christmas tree ornament.
- The Quill** - 217 Grand. Will give a **10% discount** to ticket holders on all boxed Christmas cards and wrapping paper rolls.
- Trotters Antiques** - 310-303 Forest. Will offer a **10% discount** on all items except display cases from 6:30-8pm on December 10.
- Woodenickel** - Corner Fountain & Central. Will give a wooden nickel (worth \$1!) to each person who presents a Christmas at the Inns ticket that evening. . .

Tickets to the Christmas at the Inns Tour are \$10 and benefit the Pacific Grove Heritage Society and the Pacific Grove Art Center and may be purchased between 9-5 daily and on the night of the tour until 8pm at

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Shore Lines

by Neill Gardner

THOSE OF us who were lucky enough to have spent our tender years down on the farm developed a different attitude toward animals than folks whose houses had sidewalks out front. Now we tend to chuckle at the Great Chinatown Chicken Flap.

We gave the larger animals names, and as long as they did what was expected of them, treated them with respect. Even so, if the horses hesitated to pull the plow, that whip was not there for decorative purposes.

Chickens didn't get names. If they didn't lay eggs in sufficient quantity, their odds of winding up as some one's Sunday dinner were excellent. Sure, horrible, from their point of view.

AT MY age everything reminds me of something. The Chinatown bit brings back memories of my Old Man, just returned from a Saturday evening with the boilermakers at the Portland Labor Temple. Has wearing a suit and necktie, as befit a gentleman who had been socializing with his peers in the heart of Oregon's greatest metropolis.

He was three sheets to the wind, to boot.

Pa made me a deal. If I'd go out to the hen house and capture a Rhode Island Red, he'd send it to its reward. We had a chopping block and ax in the basement, along with a five gallon bucket into which the blood could drain.

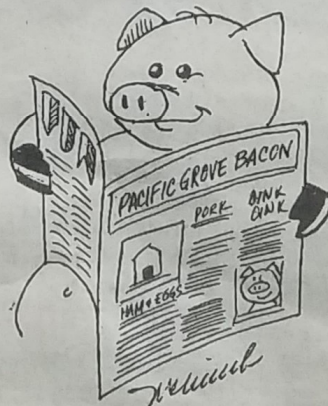
PA DID the dreadful deed, but then he lost his grip on our Sunday dinner. I'm here to tell you, it's true what they say about chickens with their heads cut off. They run in circles. This one was losing copious amounts of blood in its travels.

The chicken was pursued by one irate boilermaker, who was using language not usually acceptable in our household.

Until the bird escaped, Sonny, the family's Boston Bulldog, had been sitting on the basement steps with me, quietly observing the proceedings. But when the chase began, Sonny decided the time had come for him to participate, barking at the top of his voice.

IT WASN'T apparent whose side the dog was on until Pa bent over to pick up the chicken. Unless you have seen your father with a small dog attached to the seat of his Sunday- go-to-meeting pants, you ain't lived.

As I recall the chicken tasted fine. But it was some time before we talked about the incident in Pa's presence.



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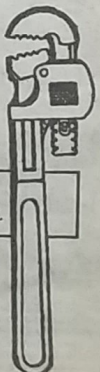
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PG HIGH SCHOOL Principal Linda Mann (left) happily receives a \$1,000 check from Jeanne Byrne (right) and Alan Cohen from the PG Youth Action organization. The money will fund scholarships for driver training students who can apply. Looking on are students who have completed the class (from left) Michelle Menczkowski, Rebecca McGreal and Becky Dominguez. The gift was from proceeds of the Rolling Concours. BEACON photo by EriColby

Youth Action gives \$6,000 to benefit students and Youth Center

by Eric Colby

The Youth Action organization, formed a few years ago following closure of the Youth Center at Laurel and 16th, has delivered \$6,000 cash this week to two community organizations.

The money came from proceeds of the committee-sponsored Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally held here August 16. This event was the second organized by the Youth Action Committee.

Event Chair Jeanne Byrne and President Alan Cohen delivered checks of \$1,000 and \$5,000 to the PG High Drivers' Training Program and to the PG Recreation Department, respectively.

High School Principle Linda Mann received the \$1,000 donation that will provide driver training for 10 students who may not be able to personally af-

ford the course otherwise.

PG Rec Director John Miller and Youth Activities Co-ordinator Jodi Allioti accepted a check for \$5,000 from the committee to be used to finance a "Homework" evening program at the new Youth Center coordinated by the Rec Department.

The Concours Auto Rally is PG Youth Action's principle fund-raiser. The Auto Rally has been successful thanks to many volunteers and enthusiastic participants.

PG Youth Action was established four years ago as a non-profit organization to provided funding for programs for the youth of Pacific Grove (especially those at risk).

The group's original mission was to help re-establish a youth center where programming could take place.



ALSO BENEFICIARIES of Youth Action is the City Recreation Department who received a check for \$5,000 to fund a homework study program at the Youth Center. Grabbing the money is Youth Advisor Pam Blake. Enjoying the scene (from left) are Jodi Allioti, youth activity coordinator for the Rec, Jeanne Byrne, Youth Advisor Rosie Marquart, Alan Cohen president of Youth Action, and Recreation Department Director John Miller. BEACON photo

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BRIGADOON by the bay

By Eric Colby

Ambiance. This is a nice time of the year for Pacific Grove. As the air grows crisper, colors sharpen when the air is clear as much as they become fuzzy with the fog. I think the cooler temperatures add a little more purpose to their step. People are starting to become busy, preparing mail for their friends and family, looking at year end expenditures anticipating income taxes. The warmth of the sun in the corner of sheltered porch or a room with lots of glass often brings a feeling that all is well.

Books. I tend to read in the winter; probably because my mother read to me as I sat next to her warmth, enjoying the comfort of being given attention. I think books are a warm fuzzy for lots of people because they seem always to find a spot on a couch and sit back on their feet. Somehow its a posture that we obtain a degree of warmth within, an intimacy with ourselves.

I read two books in the last week. *Silas Marner* by George Elliott (written, I think in the 1860's) and a history of Southern California, published in 1904, for the period 1760 to the 1890's. At the moment I'm trying to hang in with Joseph Conrad's tumultuous descriptive prose in *Lord Jim*.

While all three books dealt with life in slow motion centuries, the contrasts between someone like Elliott, who reveals character and feeling with such delicate precision, with Conrad who is pre-occupied with his relationship with every atom of the elements and man's physical involvement with it.

The deAnza trek. I picked up the 19th Century travel guide to Southern California to read about the development of the Franciscan Missions from San Diego to Sonoma to get a picture what it must have been like to explore California in the 1760's. I don't know how a bunch of gringos got along walking and riding through Monterey County last week.

But it must have been real ugly, tromping around, as point man for Father Junipero Serra, carrying provisions, foraging for food and game, sleeping on the ground without a water-proof tent. You had to feed and care for horses, endure miserable symptoms of eating "out" every night. Imagine having dysentery or a n allergic reaction to California poppies the whole time, praying to God that there might really be a hotel with a bath somewhere in San Francisco in 1763!

It would have taken Conrad 10 years to describe the accumulation of effort and discomfort of moving through those experience, sinew by sinew.

We know someone who "did" the modern day deAnza number last week and we are waiting for her to recover to get her story. Judy Marquardt is a counselor and a Rotarian, labels that

one does not ordinarily associate with roughing it. We'll try to get you her story next week.

School ground blues. Everyone concerned is racking his brain for solutions to the dilemma facing the Pacific Grove School District. I've been thinking about it constantly since I arrived in Pacific Grove and discovering that most people have probably fried some circuits which they are attempting to soothe by keeping their heads in the sand.

The declining income of the school district is just one of the consequences of no growth. While some of us are very busy working to bring everything (water, trees, farmland, open space, more homes for our progeny) to a halt, no one seems to be working very hard promoting the education necessary to adjust to what is going to become an economic Chinese fire drill.

The new condominiums nearing completion at Spanish Bay may increase the school district's assessed valuation enough to produce some extra real estate taxes to skid us through a few more years. But the end to economic surplus in Monterey County is in sight.

The simple solution for the purpose of getting this column to a halt is to revert to the way things were done in the 18th Century. Take all the old retired people and have them run the schools and teach for nothing more than the love of it. "It takes an entire village to raise a child," according to an old African proverb.

Get rid of government employees and put everyone here on the "last reservation" to work. And that is happening. There are more volunteer groups in this town taking up the slack than you can imagine. People planting trees, fixing bleachers, feeding and entertaining others for the change in their pockets so we can buy school books, put refrigerators in youth centers, and give driving lessons to 80 year olds.

It might not be too long before more people actually become concerned about someone other than their own selves and their kin.

At any rate, I think we all should be required to spend more time living a little less comfortably, getting used to getting along without the getting and spending. The world is obviously too much with us. But it's not going to stay that way much longer.



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Retired PG teacher has questions about plans

by Jessie F. Bray

I was startled when I read the article by Janis Cain about Pacific Grove schools in the November 1 edition of the Beacon. It was quite a wake-up call for me to learn of the changes being proposed for implementation in two phases for Fall 1997 and Fall 1998. Dramatic changes.

I was startled by the quotes from school board members and district administrators, especially when I realized that I did not know one of them being quoted.

Prior to my retirement from Pacific Grove Unified School District, I attended school board meetings regularly. The article spurred me to attend the November 7 school board meeting so that I could attach people to their statements.

Briefly, the timeline presented at the meeting called for the board to make its decision in March, 1997, as to which plan they would implement. The proposal favored by new Superintendent Barry Schimmel calls for:

(1) Converting David Avenue Kindergarten Center to K-1 in Fall '97, and to K-2 in Fall '98. Portable classrooms would be required.

(2) Closing Robert H. Down School. As I recall, Dr. Schimmel said that he had met with the PG City Council and raised the possibility of RHD School being used as some sort of Civic Center or for senior housing.

(3) Changing Forest Grove School from Grades 1-5 to Grades 7-8. For courses requiring facilities not available on the elementary campus, 7th and 8th graders would attend classes next door at the high school campus.

(4) Changing PG Middle School from Grades 6-8 to Grades 3-6. (The Middle School site was the original Pacific Grove High School campus. The new gymnasium was built in the 1980's).

(5) Relocating the PG Adult School from Lighthouse School sites. (The Adult School was moved from the high school site just a handful of years ago.)

It was stated that changes are necessary because of a projected financial crisis for 1998.

As an educator here in Pacific Grove since 1963, I am still startled. The proposal raised many questions that need to be addressed before any plan should be approved and implemented.

The school board members are our elected representatives. I respect their willingness to serve. I believe in representative government. Please contact our school board members with your questions and concerns. The members are: Board president Mike Armstrong, Candace Ingram, Wendy Kramer, Ron Herndon, and David Wright.

One of my questions: Currently, PGUSD is participating in California's plan to reduce class size as an important element in improving students' achievement. That requires more teachers and more classrooms. How do we reconcile this need of more classrooms with a plan that appears to reduce the number of classrooms?

Another question: Does the board

have any objective data that supports the proposed reconfiguration as having a positive impact on student achievement and social development?

One more question: From the Beacon article -- "Board members say their options for economic survival include merging with another school district or re configuring classrooms to cut expenses." If the needed cuts in expenses can be made by merging with another district, is it irresponsible NOT to take a calm dispassionate look at the ramifications and possible benefits of merging? Would it mean fewer top-level administrators while maintaining neighborhood schools? Would merging open possibilities for magnet and target schools? What are other issues involved? Should we not at least explore the issue openly?

I care deeply about Pacific Grove and its schools. When I chose to move here from Arcata in 1963, key factors in my decision were the natural beauty of the area, the small town atmosphere and, most importantly, the quality of its schools. My three children are all graduates of Pacific Grove High School. Two of my grand-children have gone through PG schools from Adult School Pre-school at RDS through PGHS.

I remember those early years well. After teaching sixth grade for two years at Lighthouse School, I was invited to move to Forest Grove to teach in the new team-teaching complex for grades 5-6; there was a similar new complex at David Ave. School. It was an exciting time.

I remember my early years at Pacific Grove Junior High (from 1967) and then the changes as declining enrollment took its toll. I remember the upper hall being partitioned off to make it possible to lease classrooms to MPC for off-campus classes. I remember the intensive and extensive study that preceded the decision to close Lighthouse School and to convert the 7-8 Jr. High to a 6-8 Middle School.

I remember that under the positive and effective leadership of Principal Ed Plowman, the initial plan of instruction at PGMS allowed for self-contained sixth grades, core classes for English and Social Studies, and gradual movement to full departmentalization by eighth grade to prepare our students for high school.

I remember when David Ave. School was closed and then leased to private pre-school. I remember when Robert H. Down School was re-located to David Ave. site during renovation of RHD. I remember the careful process followed in establishing a Kindergarten Center at the David Ave. Site.

I remember thorough searches of zoning and deed restrictions to see if alternate uses of parts of some school sites were possible. The tentative plans would have left intact all school buildings and immediately adjacent playgrounds. There is homework to be done to update this information.

I remember fondly so many long-time colleagues. They have shown remarkable flexibility through all the changes. Both our teaching and classified staffs have been remarkably stable. Quite a different pattern emerges from the administrative staff, particularly at the

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higher levels. As reported in the Carmel Pine Cone, Mike Bristol, our retiring PGHS football coach, said, "I can't lie. It's been really hard. For 34 years, I feel like I've been the constant in a flighty school system. I've worked under seven athletic directors and five principals."

Since 1963, if my memory serves, our Superintendents of Schools have been Jim Slezak, Clarence Hall, Bill Carey, Troy Bramlett, Jay Cobb, Dick Rigg, Joe Jaconette and the current superintendent, Dr. Barry Schimmel.

Of the former superintendents, only one, Jay Cobb, has stayed with our district to retirement (and retirement and retirement!) THANK YOU, JAY. Are "revolving door" administrators inevitable in small districts like ours? It is hard on staff moral.

I remember much more from across the years. Most of all, I remember the steady support of parents and the entire community. Once more, I find myself trusting parents and the community to take an active part in deciding on the best path for your schools. It is vital that Pacific Grove maintain viable schools — both in fact and in perceptions.

Grove needs official hazard tree manager

Mike Huse, City Manager

My sister and I took pictures of the recent tree/stump failure on Evergreen Road to the Natural Resources Committee meeting of August 27, 1996. We spoke to members about the still-standing tree/stump on City property in front of our home at 547 Evergreen.

We told the committee of our fears regarding this stump's liability to sudden failure that could or would endanger people and property.

We tried to make a point that this city needs a hazardous tree assessment program. The National Arbor Day Foundation stresses the need for real hard management saying it "should receive the highest priority."

As far as I know, Pacific Grove has no such program.

Chairman Tom Moss said "we talked tree hazard in this city but still nothing is happening." Then he said, "Hopefully we'll get to it as a goal of the committee or something."

It appears that this city committee isn't interested and it appears to control the City Forester who is a de facto committee member.

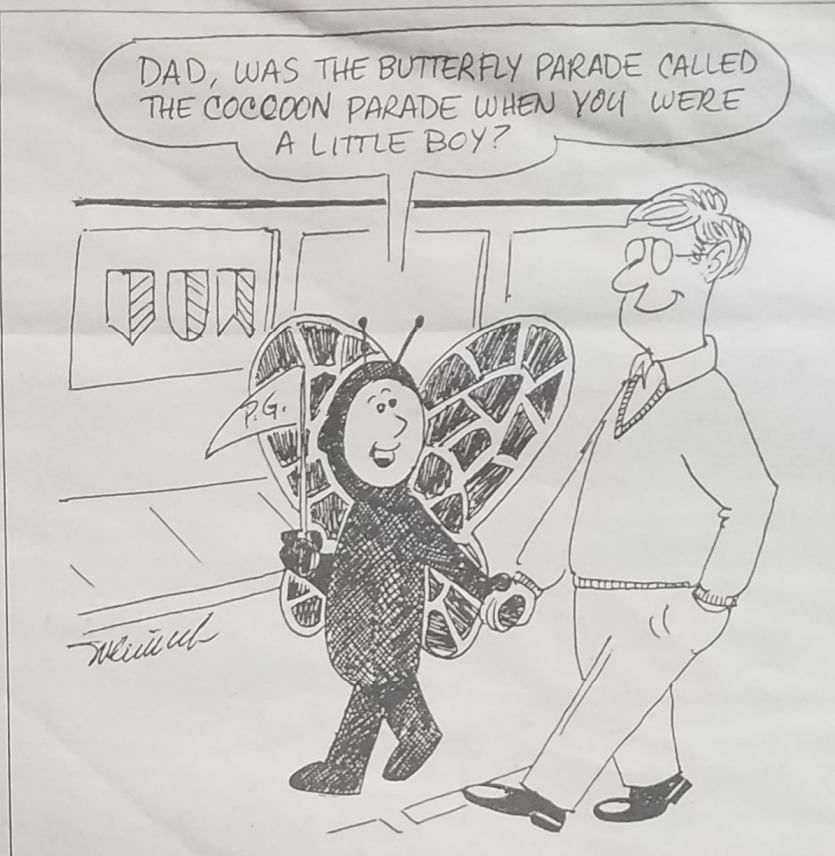
I was disappointed to learn from the City Forester that he was not permitted to attend the National Arbor Day Foundation meeting on "Trees, People and the Law."

I believe this is a short-sighted decision, as Pacific Grove has a serious tree hazard problem all over town.

Trees have been neglected in City Parks such as Washington Park and the Monarch Grove Sanctuary.

I spoke to Public Works and they've been told by Katy Travaille to stay out. As I have brought to your attention before, Katy has planted trees in the park without the knowledge or oversight of the City Forester. Maybe you could consult her as to "her plans" on tree hazard maintenance.

The scope of our tree hazards spread well beyond the parks. Many trees are



old, and pitch canker has taken a terrible toll on the pines. I've never seen trees topped like those on Evergreen. This is poor tree management.

Pacific Grove proudly calls itself "Tree City USA," but ignores the mandate to provide "a higher level of duty to protect people and property from defective trees."

The City must take the lead to manage our urban trees. The Tree City USA Bulletin #15 must be taken seriously. "How to Recognize and Prevent Hazard Trees."

I urge you to take action immediately on a comprehensive urban forestry management program for Pacific Grove.

Pat Herrgott, Pacific Grove

Visitor praises Grove

To the Chamber of Commerce:

We have been coming to the Peninsula for day trips since before we got married, and for three-day weekends several times a year since. Over the years, we have done the tourist things many times, but as life got busier, our weekends away were more for relaxing than touring, so we started spending more time in PG.

Last year, for the first time, we rented a house near Asilomar and brought the kids. It was so much fun we did it again this year.

For a few years now, we have been thinking of moving to PG, but we were afraid that we just had a rosy vacationers view of the town.

After getting to know more people over the past several years, renting a house that let us sample a real life there, and meeting Mayor Sandy Koffman at the 4th of July picnic this year, we continue to be impressed by how friendly and open and positive the people of Pacific Grove are.

You should be proud to be associated with the wonderful people of this community.

Frank & Doreen Gerrity, Santa Clara

PG woman is first NY police commissioner

Editor:

May I request your assistance in research that I am doing on the life of the first female Commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction, Katherine Bement Davis?

Dr. Davis died Dec. 10, 1935 in Pacific Grove, where she had moved in retirement to live with her two sisters, five years earlier.

She was 75 when she died. Her sisters, Misses Charlotte G. and Helen A. Davis, survived her as did two brothers, Hamilton C. Davis of Biloxi, Mississippi and Frank A. Davis of Rochester, NY.

A lengthy obituary in the New York Times, date-lined Monterey, Dec. 11, 1935 gave no other details about her residency in Pacific Grove or the funeral.

Both as editor of the New York City Correction Department's quarterly newsletter and as chief writer/designer of the Departments Web page, I am interested in writing Commissioner Davis' history.

I am seeking any leads that may exist in newspaper clips, public and business records, church and burial registries, funeral ledgers, title documents, phone books, social listings, ect..., that could shed light on Dr. Davis' five years in Pacific Grove (1930-35) and by extension of interest, on her surviving sisters. Perhaps the local newspapers carried articles about this nationally celebrated woman living in the community and about her death. Perhaps the local obits detailed the name of the funeral home, the place of burial. Perhaps some church registry carried the Sisters Davis as parishioners. Perhaps the local history society or museum or library received Dr. Davis papers. Thank you, Thomas McCarthy, 60 Hudson Street, New York, NY. 10013. Phone (212) 266-1414. Fax (212) 266-1597.

City-Chamber talk bodes well for PG

Last week a meeting arranged between City department heads and Pacific Grove businesses was held to discuss city purchasing policies and to enable local businesses to make known to the City, what services and merchandise they supply that municipal offices may need and be able to purchase from them.

The conference was convened in response to local business owners concerned about City department buyers ordering supplies out of town.

Business owners learned that (1) the term "responsible" bidder was not necessarily the lowest (2) bids are not always necessary for purchases of under \$2,000, and (3) that local businesses under a competitive bid situation, could deduct the amount of sales tax that would be paid to the City, making their bid more competitive.

Meeting was attended by over 100 Chamber of Commerce members who were appreciative of the time city employees took to be there; for the opportunity to informally sell their wares.

City Manager Mike Huse brought his staff to help buyer and seller become acquainted with one another. "We think we can do more buying in the City. It's just a matter of awareness which this meeting is designed to promote," he said. And he pledged, on behalf of the city, to make every effort to buy at home.

City Mayor Sandy Koffman and Councilman Robert Huitt, who have consistently attended most major Chamber meetings, were also there and echoed Huse's pledge.

The advent of this entente between the City and the Chamber of Commerce is significant and worth noting, because there was a time when the composition of the city council was controlled by a majority that would have expressed contempt for the concept of City cooperation with the business community. And the last vestige of that narrow attitude was replaced during the recent council election.

Last Thursday's meeting was superbly managed by Chamber Vice-president Larry Krumb. City department heads were calling local businesses the next day asking questions. Both City and Chamber are due praise for initiating another step in the unification of its vital coexistence. EC

A superb example of perseverance

Youth Action gave \$6,000 this week to two youth organizations in town. That was incredible since its organizer for the successful event the previous year, who wanted more than what YA thought was a fair share this year, dropped out and sued YA and Auto Week Magazine, putting a real wet blanket on the event which dramatically cut attendance. Undaunted by that setback, this group of volunteers persevered; held the event without help and, by doing so, kept the tradition alive and still made some money.

Nice work Youth Action!

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EARN AND LEARN. Why not turn one weekend a month into additional skills, knowledge and money? We now have immediate opportunities for men and women age 17 and over in specialized fields. Call the California Army National Guard today. Monterey 373-2287.

SAVE HUNDREDS of \$\$\$. Must sacrifice my membership to local Tae Kwon Do Academy. Please call for details. 625-3816.

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OCEAN VIEWS. Must sell modern 2-story; 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2 fireplaces, 2 balconies, PG. 373-4908.

FRIENDLY VISITOR. You can help bring the outside world to a homebound elderly person to help reduce the loneliness experienced by shut in elders. Volunteers visit on a weekly basis and provide companionship. Call 655-9234 regarding position A-2691.

PUPPY RAISER. This organization helps people in need live more independent life styles by providing them with dogs who have been raised for 12 to 18 months by caring individuals and families. These dogs make a big difference and so can you through them. Call 655-9234 regarding position AN-1796.

BINGO ASSISTANTS. Calling all Bingo enthusiasts! This hunger relief organization needs your help to make its weekly Bingo fundraising nights fun and successful. All

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OFFICE WORKER. This position is with an agency that serves other nonprofit agencies, so would provide a great opportunity to learn about all the agencies and programs in the county. The agency needs reliable, regular office help. Duties would include answering phones, greeting the public, light typing, filing, possibly computer data entry (agency will train) and special projects as needed. The hours are flexible, but at least one, four-hour shift per week is needed. Call 655-9234 regarding position C-9491.

CLASSROOM AIDE. Need native speakers of English to assist foreign learners of English in conversation, vocabulary and American expressions. Only need desire to work with people of other cultures, a little patience and 2-6 morning hours per week. Call 655-9234 regarding position T-4796.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS. Chauffeurs needed to help get patients to and from their treatment centers. This organization coordinates a transportation schedule based on your availability and patients' needs- any morning/afternoon time commitment would be of value. Spanish speaking ability could be helpful in some cases. Volunteers must possess a driver's license and own car or have access to one. You'll be reimbursed for gas and mileage. Call 655-9234 regarding position HL-2396.

RACE VOLUNTEERS. Get a jump on 1997 by helping out at this New Year's Day fun run that benefits a life saving cause. We need about 100 volunteers to keep every thing running along smoothly. All Volunteers receive a T-shirt, brunch and a good feeling for their time and effort. Call 655-9234 regarding position ST-9896.

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